Annual Report of the Town of Embden

Incorporated 1804

For the Fiscal Year 2012



2013 Annual Town Meeting

Saturday, March 2, 2013

Town Meeting to be held at 1:00pm at the Embden Community Center

Municipal Elections from 8:00am to 12:00pm at the Town Office

EMBDEN TOWN OFFICE

809 Embden Pond Road

Tuesday, Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(Closed on RSU #74 School Cancellation

Days due to weather events)

"ONLINE SERVICES"

www.embden.maine.gov Hunting/Fishing Licenses Absentee Ballot Requests Burn Permits Vital Records Requests

NORRIDGEWOCK TRANSFER STATION

Airport Road (off Rte. 2)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



ON THE COVER: Screenshot from the new town website

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Town Information

All citizens are invited to attend and observe our Town meetings to discover how all Town business is conducted and decisions are reached. All meetings are held at the Embden Town Office unless otherwise noted. For updates and other useful information, please check out our new town website at www.embden.maine.gov.

Selectmen Meetings

1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00pm

Assessor meetings

Wednesday Mornings from 8:30am-12:00pm

Planning Board

2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm

Code Enforcement Officer

Tuesday Mornings from 9:00am-12:00pm

School Board

1st Wednesday of every month Pre-determined school location

Embden Town Office Hours

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	10am – 4pm
Wednesday	10am – 4pm
Thursday	1pm – 6pm
Friday	10am – 2pm

Closed on RSU #74 School Cancellation Days due to weather events.

Solid Waste Disposal

The town has a contract with Waste Management, Inc. in Norridgewock. The landfill is located on the Airport Road. An Embden decal must be affixed to your vehicle to use the landfill. This decal may be obtained from the Town Clerk. You will need to bring in your vehicle registration to acquire a landfill permit. The landfill is open Wednesday through Friday during the hours of 9:30am to 6:00pm, and Saturday from 7:30am to 4:00pm. No trailers are allowed.

Selectmen's Report

Dear Citizens and Taxpayers of the Town of Embden:

We would like to take the time to dedicate this year's Town Report to the individuals, young and older, who passed away this year. Some left us peacefully and others left us tragically. These souls were the very thread in the complex fabric that makes up the Town of Embden's composition. Their contributions to this life as we know it were many and they will be truly missed. We share the sadness for the families' losses but hope that the fond memories of these folks will eventually bring happiness.

Here we are again, another year successfully put behind us as a result of the diligence and hard work of the town of Embden's employees, boards, citizens, taxpayers, and volunteers. We proudly thank everyone who has risen to the workload challenges created by the annual and special town meetings. We recognize the efforts of all those involved in the constructive discussions, deliberations, and decision-making processes incurred during those lengthy meetings. Again, we appreciate your patience and perseverance with the continuing work to complete the town's various capital improvement projects.

We realize that expectations are high for the presentation of another "frugal" or "flat" budget this year. To this board, our local town meeting budget warrant is the town's most important policy document. We assure you, as we have in the past, that it represents highly supported and desired line items by Embden's residents, taxpayers, and officials. Aided by the utilization of surplus and anticipated excise tax revenue, we are pleased to present a budget with a 0% increase in taxation at the local level.

However, as we go to print with this town report we are yet again anxious about what is coming our way from the state of Maine, the school, and the county. Property taxes could increase if the Governor's budget document is accepted in Augusta. The State's Administration Bureau has calculated the structural deficit at over \$800 million for the next two years. One root element in the "deficit" is education funding. After a three decade statute and an eight year citizen's initiative, the state and local funding obligations are still reversed from what they should be. Property taxes should be paying only 45% and the state's general fund (e.g. sales tax, etc.) should be paying 55% of this obligation. This essentially results in additional property tax burden as the state's statutory funding obligations remain to be unmet. As mentioned earlier, this is not a new scenario and we sincerely hope that our school district (RSU #74) is prepared to find a way to make adjustments knowing these circumstances. Another root element is municipal revenue sharing (e.g. Homestead exemption, etc.). The Governor is calling for a two-year suspension of this program which would result in an \$80,000 per year reduction for the town of Embden. Therefore, we are at that point again where our property tax stability is at the mercy of uncontrollable outside sources.

Meanwhile in this little town we call Embden, we welcome you to enjoy its natural resources and use its public facilities to their fullest extent. We are truly fortunate to have such a gem of a town.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Taylor Wayne McLaughlin Elizabeth Pratt

2012 ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Charles Taylor, Chairman (2013)

Wayne McLaughlin (2015)

Elizabeth Pratt (2014)

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Rodney Hatch, Chairman (2013)

Terriann Lamontagne (2014)

Raymond Young Sr. (2015)

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

Bonnie Baker (2013)

TAX COLLECTOR

Ruth Blake (2013)

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Michael Witham (2013)

M.S.A.D. # 74 DIRECTORS

Sylvia Taylor (2013)

Shawn Cyrway (2015)

Dwight Barron (2013)

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Bonnie Baker

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

(deputy)

LOCAL PLUMBING INSPECTOR

(deputy)

Robert Dunphy

GENERAL ASSISTANCE OFFICER

Charles Taylor

HEALTH OFFICER

Robert Dunphy

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

(Co-Director)

Robert Dunphy

Eleanor Ketchum

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Dwight Barron Jr.

APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES

PLANNING BOARD

BOARD OF APPEALS

Leo Mayo, Chairperson	(2015)	John Duff, Chairperson
Ann Bridges, Secretary	(2013)	Mary Keenan
Eleanor Ketchum	(2016)	Scott LeHay
James P. Wilson	(2014)	
Dwight Barron	(2017)	
Alton McClamma, Alternate	(2013)	
Myles Durkin, Alternate	(2013)	

Tax Assessors' Report

Assessments:

County Tax \$448,901

Municipal Tax \$589,650

MSAD #74 \$1,464,353

Overlay \$40,366

Total Assessment \$2,543,270

Deductions:

State Revenue Sharing \$36,000

Homestead Reimbursements \$20,418

Total Deductions \$77,418

Net Assessment Committed on September 05, 2012: \$2,465,851

The 2012 mill rate was set at \$12.46 per thousand

To the Inhabitants of Embden:

The Embden Board of Assessors holds regular office hours on most Wednesday mornings (8:30 AM to Noon). The Assessors are also available to meet with taxpayers at other times; please call the Town Office during business hours to schedule an appointment. Please note that all tax declarations for the 2013 Tax Year must be received by April 1st; we will hold office hours on Friday, March 29th from 9 AM to noon to receive tax declarations and speak with anyone who may have any questions.

Terri Lamontagne and I welcomed Ray Young as a new assessor this year. He has lived in Embden and worked in this area for about 50 years. He also had prior experience as an assessor and selectman in the town. That background and experience have been a great benefit to our work this year. Although there were many changes since he last served as an assessor, he got up to speed very quickly and spent much of his time doing site visits to many different properties in Embden. Thank you, Ray.

The town was also fortunate to continue to have Terri Lamontagne as one of its assessors. In addition to her work here, Terri serves as an assessor's agent in the Town of New Portland. In doing her site visits in New Portland, she discovered a dwelling that should have been on the Embden tax rolls. When she puts on her Embden tax hat, like Ray, she spends much of her time doing site visits in Embden. Thank you, Terri.

This year we are once again sending out surveys to 200 randomly selected accounts to help improve the accuracy of our records. We wish to thank the many people who returned their surveys last year. We had a very good return. If you did not return yours, a site visit was made by at least one of the assessors. If you received one of these requests this year, we would appreciate the time you take to review the information, and then to fill out and return the valuation report form.

The Selectpersons, with input from the assessors, are working to establish a multiple payment plan for your tax payments. At the 2012 town meeting, the people voted to require two payments this year. We need to schedule those payments at times that make sense with the three budgets (town, school and county). The assessors cannot send out bills until we have the three budgets that make up the total amount of your bill. Further action may be necessary at this year's town meeting.

Sales of property continue to be slow this year and the state valuation of the town had a slight decrease for the second year in a row.

In addition to the annual update of our tax maps this year, we also added wetlands that are identified in the National Wetlands Inventory. Eleanor Ketchum continues to help us keep up to date on the E-911 addresses. If you have a home in Embden, please be sure to post your E-911 address. It is not only required by a town ordinance but it would be much faster to locate you in an emergency situation. It also helps the assessors to improve the accuracy of our records. If you haven't had a chance to post your E-911 number yet, we would greatly appreciate your help in getting it posted this year. Some camp owners use an index card with their home address and phone number and tape it on the inside of a window in or near their door. If you added the E-911 address for the camp, that same procedure would really help the assessors or anyone trying to report a problem to law enforcement or to emergency personnel.

Changes in state funding still remain a great concern. Cuts made at the federal and state levels in programs and services that impact our town include our schools, roads, and even winter heating assistance. As I write this report, the Governor is proposing more cuts in school subsidies and town revenues. Unfortunately, the state is not using a balanced approach in meeting their budget needs. These actions leave school and town officials with very difficult decisions to make.

Lastly, I have enjoyed working in the assessor's office and I thank the voters for giving me this opportunity to give back a little to the town. With a lot of help from the other assessors we have been able to update and organize the assessing records in a town office setting. We have also been able to guarantee the residents of the town that they would continue to receive the full benefits of their exemptions. The two ratings that the state gives the town each year have been very good for the past several years.

My sincere thanks to Terri and Ray for all the work they did this year for the town.

Rodney Hatch For the Embden Assessors.

Planning Board Report

This year the Planning Board reviewed and issued 36 permits for the construction of residences, garages, repairs, renovations and additions to existing buildings, tree removal, replanting of vegetation and driveway construction. Only one (1) "After the Fact" permit was issued.

Please remember that before you start **any** construction, you should contact the Code Enforcement Officer to see if a building permit is required, especially if your building is within 250 feet of a body of water.

Please sure when submitting an application to Robert Dunphy, the Code Enforcement Officer, that all the requirements have been submitted with the application including the processing fee of \$25.00, the required number of copies of the application and pictures. An incomplete application only delays the process. An application needs to be received by the CEO prior to the posting of the agenda in order for the application to be considered at that month's meeting. The Board's agenda is posted one week before the scheduled Board meeting. Once Mr. Dunphy has completed the site review, he will submit the application with attachments at the Board's next meeting.

Board members and terms are:

March, 2013
March, 2014
March, 2015
March, 2016
March, 2017
March, 2013
March, 2013

The Planning Board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Embden Town Office.

Respectfully submitted, Ann C. Bridges, Secretary

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals, upon written application from an owner or other aggrieved party, hears appeals from the decisions of the Code Enforcement Officer or the Planning Board.

The Board activity was minimal in 2012. One appeal to the decision of the Planning Board within in the Shoreland Zone was denied.

John Duff Chairperson

E-911 Report

Vandals took fourteen (14) signs from the posts last spring. They were found in a ditch in Anson and were returned by a deputy sheriff. After Leo and Jeff worked on them, we were able to use them again. A sign costs about \$20.00 plus freight. More than \$280.00 was saved.

Twelve (12) signs and seven (7) posts were purchased this year.

Six (6) Katie Crotch signs were put up from May to November 25^{th} . The post was empty at times and will probably be this winter.

No new roads this year.

Thank you to everyone who have helped me this year.

Respectfully submitted, Eleanor Ketchum E-911 Addressing Officer

Road Commissioner's Report

It was a very early spring. In March, we worked on tree cutting and chipping on the Bert Berry Road. Also, the Mill Road needed some gravel due to the Frost coming out early. In April, we started grading and street sweeping. In May, there was grading and rock racking. We also went with a pulp truck, picking up old dead wood from the roadside. If there is an issue with a tree within the town's right-of-way, please feel free to give me a call. In June, we applied jaw fine gravel on the Station Road, and leveled it off with the grader. July was a time for ditching on the Dunbar Hill and West Shore Roads. We built-up the end of the West Shore Road; there was a blind spot, but by building the road up it eliminates the danger. In August, we placed jaw fines gravel on both the Perkins Road and the Mill Road. We also did some ditching on the Piper Road. In September, we replaced a culvert on the Wentworth Road, as well as one on Williams Hill. Other projects included ditching on the Moulton Road, and replacing a culvert on Dunbar Hill. The last of the recycled hot top was used to resurface the Hancock Pond Road. In October, we resurfaced two sections of the West Shore Road with 2 inches of Hot Top.

Respectfully, Michael E. Witham Town of Embden, Road Commissioner

Culverts	\$1,770.18
Hay	\$150.00
Signs	\$859.36
Calcium	\$2,396.80
Bulbs	\$11.78
Street Sweeping	\$955.00
Alan Pinkham	\$17,776.52
Creamer Brothers, Inc.	\$14,864.05
Daniel Nile	\$218.70
Eldon McLean (beaver issue)	\$105.40
Fine Line Paving	\$48,916.96
Jack Kaplin	\$1,567.12
Louis Nichols	\$1,644.00

Maple Crest Farms			\$6,845.67
Ronald Guguere			\$1,732.50
Ellery G. Witham			\$34,936.69
Grader	\$28,330.60	Gravel	\$6,606.09
Eric Creamer			\$12,524.85
Labor	\$364.26	Dump Truck	\$2,073.51
Dozer	\$1,779.20	Excavator	\$7,888.48
Backhoe	\$419.40		
Michael E Witham	Payroll		\$6,229.20
	FICA		\$386.20
	Medicare Ta	x	\$90.33
Witham Trucking, Inc.			\$58,309.48
Pickup	\$2,700.00	Labor man	\$350.20
Gravel	\$560.00	Cold Patch	\$259.61
Jaw Fine gravel	\$15,969.31	Rip Rap rock	\$280.00
Dozer	\$333.60	Dump Truck	\$23,546.29
Chainsaw	\$343.38	Bucket Loader	\$2,280.00
Pulp Truck	\$1,779.00	Excavator	\$9,827.40

Animal Control Report

Hello, my name is Dude:

In 2009 I was taken out and left on my own by someone who should have loved me. Trying to fend for myself, I ran into a porcupine and he left me with a snoot full of quills and LOTS of pain. A couple found me and took me to Pam, the Embden ACO. The couple, the ACO and her daughter worked together to hold me down and pull out those horrible quills. Then Pam brought out an ice pack and put it on my



nose and I fell in love. Thankfully when no one came forward to claim me, Pam adopted me and had me "chipped" so if I get lost or stolen she has a better chance of finding me and getting me back.

90% of the time I'm with Mom, unless it's too hot for me to sit in the Jeep safely. Cars heat up very fast and animals succumb to heat stroke very quickly.

Hopefully you will never leave your pet in a hot car.

I get to see and meet lots of other animals when I'm with Pam. We've had cats, dogs, rats, a mink, chickens, pigs, goats, raccoons, a beaver, and that's just some of the critters I've shared my Jeep with. Every day is a new adventure.

I remember the day Pam had a call about a raccoon on the west side of Embden Pond that was acting strange.

We went up looking for the animal and finally caught up with it. This poor coon was peppered with quills and very unhappy. Pam believed that the animal was sick; when she left the vehicle and the coon crossed the road and headed right for her, she was ready. She caught the coon in her net and put it in a crate, and we took it away. There was little doubt in Pam's mind that the coon had Rabies. Pam says <u>it's so important that people make sure that their pets, both cats and dogs, get their Rabies shots.</u> This is still a deadly disease and there are only two people that have survived after coming down with Rabies.

I'm a thankful dog because I have someone who loves me enough to make sure I go to the Vet once a year for a checkup and shots (or anytime that is necessary). She puts stuff on me to keep the fleas and ticks off, I get good food, healthy treats and we play every day when we aren't helping other animals. My Christmas stocking always has a new license tag in it for my collar, so I start the year legal! Make sure, you do this for your dogs.

Have a great year, take good care of your pets, and if you need us.... Call (207) 474-6465; Somerset Dispatch will notify us and we'll get back to you.

Be seeing you.

The "Dude" and his "ACO "

Town Clerk's Report

NEW BUNDLES OF JOY

Skowhegan, Maine 1

BEST WISHES NEWLYWEDS

Charles Frederick Fish & Tina Marie Goyea Joseph Carlton Avery & Hollie Ruby Paquette July 14, 2012 December 08, 2012

THEY WILL BE GREATLY MISSED

Janet L. Diamond	64 Years Old	January 25, 2012
Cecil Cross	80 Years Old	April 08, 2012
Joan Record	80 Years Old	May 13, 2012
Joseph Francis DeCoste	60 Years Old	June 11, 2012
Richard Smith	60 Years Old	August 08, 2012
Barbara Rowbottom	83 Years Old	August 14, 2012
Ryan Nile	24 Years Old	August 31, 2012
Danny T. Rollins	64 Years Old	October 24, 2012
Richard O. Poulin Jr.	80 Years Old	November 1, 2012
Donald Winston McLean	85 Years Old	December 09, 2012

Registrar's Report

DEMOCRAT	197
REPUBLICAN	256
GREEN INDEPENDENT	21
UNDECLARED	248
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS	732
VOTED IN THE NOVEMBER 2012 ELECTION	497

Tax Collector's Report

Motor Vehicle Registrations Total	257,827
Paid to State of Maine	
Excise Tax (Embden)	153,456
Excise Tax Paid to Anson	18,043
	26.717
Boat, ATV, and Snow Mobile Registrations Total	
Paid to Inland Fisheries & Wildlife	22,647
Excise Tax (Embden)	3,435
Excise Tax Paid to Anson	122

Treasurer's Report

Community Center (2012 – Article 14)

Carried Forward from 2011 6,600

Appropriated 2012 0

Expended 2012 20

Revenues Received from ECC 13,900

Paid to Cap. Projects (Windows) 13,900

Carried Forward into 2013 6,580

Municipal Officials & Boards (2012 – Article 16)

Appropriated 2012 75,000

Compensation 55,977

Elections Officials 3,722

Mileage 1,438

Conferences & Training 430

FICA 5,771

Medicare 892

Expended 2012 70,424

Lapsed into Surplus 4,576

Legal Expenses (2012 – Article 17)

Appropriated 2012 10,000

Embden Dam 5,125

Legal Service – Town 4,400

Registry of Deeds 1,752

Community Center 88

Expended 2012 11,365

Overage 1,365

Membership, Dues, Civic Organizations (2012–Article 18)

Appropriated 2012 4,400

MMA 1,487

KVCOG 2,479

MTCCA 20

MMTCTA 50

Total Expended 4,036

Lapsed into Surplus 364

Insurance Policies (2012 – Article 19)

Appropriated 2012 12,000

Property & Casualty 8,077

Workman's Compensation 2,159

Total Expended 10,236

Lapsed into Surplus 1,764

Audit & Annual Town Report (2012 – Article 20)

Appropriated 2012 7,000.00

Expended 2012 7,568

Overage 568

Unanticipated Expenses (2012 – Article 21)

Appropriated 2012 4,000.00

Expended 2012 1,784

Lapsed into Surplus 2,216

Facilities Maintenance &	Repair	(2012 – Article	Community Cen	<u>ter</u>	
22)			Electricity	7	3,400
Appropriated 2012	10,00		Gas/Oil		16,507
Town Office		1,954	Telephone	2	793
Community Center		2,224	Water		1,411
Town House		0	Security A	Alarms	90
Sand Shed		113	Custodial	Svcs.	925
Total Expended	4,291		Trash Ren	noval	243
Lapsed into Surplus	5,709		Shoveling		265
			Plowing		1,550
Capital Improvement Fun	d (2012	2 – Article 23)	Mowing		1,100
Carried Forward from 2011	35,18	9	Town House		
Appropriated 2012	79,53	6	Electricity	7	260
Paid to Embden His	torical S	Society	Sand Shed		
For Bat Rem	ediation	1 3,600	Electricity	7	460
Embden Dam – Eng	ineer	3,700	Sandy Beach		
Community Center	Projects	13,850	Trash Ren	noval	200
Total Expended	21,15	0	Total Expended 2012	37,14	-6
Revenues from ECC	13,90	0	Lapsed into Surplus	8,854	4
Carried Forward to 2013	107,4	175			
S		Street Lights (2012 – Article 35)			
Utilities (2012 – Article 24)		Appropriated	750	
Appropriated 2012	46,00	0	Expended 2010	734	
Town Office			Lapsed Into Surplus	16	
Electricity		966			
Gas/Oil		2,397	Town Office Supplies &	Equip (2	012 – Article25)
Telephone		3,171	Appropriated	8,000)
Water		303	Office Supplies		2,375
Security Ala	rms	530	Office Equipmen	t	1,422
Custodial Sv	cs.	1,459	Postage		2,404
Trash Remov	val	243	Printing		1,320
Shoveling		473	Total Expended 2012	7,521	
Mowing		400	Lapsed into Surplus	479	

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Appropriated 15,000 Regulations & Manuals 0
Carried Forward from 2011 4,943 Postage 6
Compensation 7,255 Advertising & Legal 0
Contracted Consultants 0 Total Expended 4,645
Secretarial Services 5,475 Carried Forward to 2013 9,338
Mileage 953
Training 492 Code Enforcement Officer (2012 – Article 30)
FICA 789 Appropriated 10,800
Medicare 185 Compensation 10,000
Office Supplies 117 FICA 620
Computer Supplies 34 Medicare 145
Postage 223 Total Expended 10,765
Printing 152 Lapsed into Surplus 35
Registry of Deeds 101
CMAAO Dues 18

Fire Protection (2012 – Ar	ticle 31)	FICA		47
Appropriated	45,00	0	Medicare 11		11
Paid to Town of Anson	42,41	5	ACO Expenses 75		75
Lapsed into Surplus	2,585		Humane Society Co	ntract	1,174
			Total Expended	2,401	
Hydrant Rental (2012 – Article 32)		Carried Forward to 2012	2,365		
Appropriated	10,00	0			
Total Expended	9,527		Summer Roads (2012 – Article 38 & 39)		& 39)
Lapsed into Surplus	473		Appropriated 200,000		00
			Carried Forward from 2011	11,440	0
Ambulance Service (2012	– Articl	le 33)	Transferred from Block Gra	ant	33,425
Appropriated	20,00	0	Compensation		6,229
Expended	14,08	5	FICA		386
Lapsed into Surplus 5,915			Medicare		90
			Cold Top		668
E-911 Addressing (2012 –Article 34)		Culverts		1,770	
Appropriated	2,000		Gravel		24,549
Carried Forward from 2011	2,244		Equipment Rental		955
Compensation		1,072	Equipment Mainten	ance	75
FICA		62	Road Warning Sign	s/Posters	789
Medicare		15	Calcium Chloride		4,041
Office Supplies		6	Road Supplies		12
Road Signs		607	Summer Roads Con	tractors	172,646
Total Expended	1,762		Total Expended	212,2	
Carried Forward to 2012	2,482		Carried Forward to 2013	32,65	5
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Animal Control (2012 – Article 36)		5)	Winter Roads (2012 – STM Article 3)		
Appropriated	3,150		Appropriated	247,00	
Carried Forward from 2011	1,616		Paid to Sam White	r.	130,267
Compensation		760	Paid to Nitram		108,000
Mileage		259	Road Salt	2467	8,490
Training		75	Total Expended	246,70	03
			Lapsed into Surplus	237	

Sanitation (2012 – Article 42)

Appropriated	42,000
Paid to CWS	32,639
Lapsed into Surplus	9,361

General Assistance (2012 – Article 43)

Appropriated	2,000
Expended	1,400
Lapsed into Surplus	600

Donations (2012 – Article 44A – 44H)

Appropriated	7,215
Senior Spectrum	806
Family Violence Proje	ct 500
Solon Food Cupboard	2,000
Madison Food Cupboa	ard 2,000
American Red Cross	300
KVCAP	300
Sunset Cemetery Asso	ciation 1,000
Sexual Assault Crisis	&
Support Center	309.00

Total Expended 7,215

Stewart Public Library (2012 – Article 45)

Appropriated	900
Paid to Library	900

Madison Public Library (2012 – Article 46)

Appropriated	100
Paid to Library	100

Embden Recreation Dept. (2012 – Article 47)

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Appropriated	8,000	
Carried Forward from 2011	2,244	
Winter Sports		422
Basketball		375
Scholarships		1,000
Total Expended	1,797	
Revenues Received	961	
Carried Forward to 2013	9,408	

Recreation Director (2012 – Article 49)

Appropriated	2,500
Compensation	2,252
FICA	140
Medicare	33
Total Expended	2,425
Lapsed into Surplus	75

Cemetery Maintenance (2012 – Article 50)

Appropriated	1,000
Interest - MaryAnn Burns	3
Paid to Historical Society	1,003

Emergency Management Director (2012 – Article 51)

Appropriated	1,000	
Paid to Robert Dunphy		450.00
Paid to John Mullin		450.00
FICA		28
Medicare		7
Total Expended	935	
Lapsed into Surplus	65	

2012 Snowmobile Grants

Overlay

Received from State of Maine	0	Tax Assessment
Paid to Embden Snow Travelers	0	Abatements Issued

40,366

TAN Loan

Authorized for TAN Loan	750,000
Loan Amount Actually Used	450,000
Interest Paid	3,470

15,733

Plumbing Permits

Paid in for Plumbing Permits	3,780
Paid in for New Septic Fees	180
Paid to State of Maine	930

Vital Records

Paid in for Vital Records	538
Paid to State of Maine	83

Hunting/Fishing Licenses

Paid in for Licenses	1,552
Paid to State of Maine	1,487

Education

Tax Assessment	1,464,353
Paid to M.S.A.D. # 74	1,464,353

County Tax

Tax Assessment	448,901
Paid to County Treasurer	448,901

2012 TOWN REVENUES

Dog Licenses	402
Dog Late Fees	430
Copy Fees	176
Building Permits	1,455
Homestead Reimbursement	20,834
Veteran Reimbursement	719
Revenue Sharing	54,363
Tree Growth	21,839
Highway Reimbursement (URIP)	44,776
General Assistance	700
Ordinance Fines	5,050
Franchise Fees	2,579
Rec. Fees	961
Swim Program	0
Community Center (ECC)	13,900
Refunded Payments	2,738
Tax Acquired Sale	8,550

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RESULTS OF 2012 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 07:45 by the Town Clerk, Bonnie Baker.

Article 1: Rodney Hatch was elected Moderator

Article 2: The following were elected:

Selectperson: Wayne McLaughlin

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Bonnie Baker

Tax Collector: Ruth Blake

Road Commissioner: Michael Witham

Assessor: Raymond Young

MSAD #74: Shawn Cyrway

Article 3 A-C: were adopted as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

Article 3 D: was amended to read "0%" and passed as amended.

Articles 3 E: was adopted as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

Article 3 F: was amended to read "5%" and passed as amended.

Article 4-12: were adopted as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

There was extensive discussion on articles 13-14.

Article 13: was adopted as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

Article 14: was amended to read "To appropriate the revenues collected in fees from programs and activities held at the Embden Community Center during the FY2012 to help fund programs and activities to be held at the 'Embden Community Center', with revenues taken in by the Embden Community Center over \$4,000, to be given to the town treasurer to be used for utilities, maintenance, and ancillary operating expenses for the Embden Community Center building," and passed as amended. Please note, that it was discussed that the Community Center Carried Forward amount was actually above and beyond the \$4,000 limit, and should therefore be included in the money being allocated for building expenses above.

Article 15: No motion was made.

Article 16-19: were adopted as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

Article 20-21: were adopted as written and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

A motion was made by Eric Morrill (2nd – Lowell Piper) to take article 22 after article 23 had been acted on. Motion carried. There was a very lengthy discussion on articles 22 and 23. Bonnie Baker explained as follows: "The \$35,000 is the municipal building fund. It is what remains out of the money that was put to build that office. It is a capital reserve account that was made to build that office. What is left is still a capital reserve account. It was kept several years ago in case something big came up as a capital project, to fix buildings or structures in town. The \$79,000 if you put it in that account, to my understanding, and [the Selectpersons] may disagree, or the auditor may disagree...What I was told was that they could not spend that unless it was voted at town meeting. But it would carry forward every year until it was used. You can pull from that to put it into something else, but the only ones that can do that is you, [the Board of Selectpersons] cannot. The \$15,000 is a maintenance account for yearly maintenance on the buildings. If you have a toilet that breaks down, if you have something minor, if a window breaks and you have to fix the one window, that is yearly maintenance, your maintenance on the furnace, everything else. Capital improvement is for major projects, very expensive projects."

Article 23: was amended to include the words, "with the understanding that the Board of Selectpersons must bring back any plans, recommendations and/or proposals at a Special Town meeting for voter approval," and passed as amended.

Article 22: was amended to \$10,000. A motion was then made by Maddy Pierce (and seconded) to amend the article to read, "To have the Board of Selectpersons confer with the auditor and bring the issue back at a Special Town meeting." This amendment failed. The motion was then voted on as originally amended (\$10,000) and passed as amended.

Article 24: was adopted as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

Article 25: was adopted as written, read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

Article 26: was adopted as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers. The difference between the technology account and the account for the annual software licensing and maintenance was discussed.

Articles 27-30: were adopted as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

There was much discussion on article 31, including the fact that the Board of Selectpersons had requested bids for fire protection which were scheduled to be opened at the March 5th Board of Selectpersons meeting. It was also explained that if the winning bid were less than the amount appropriated, then the excess would lapse into surplus at the end of the year, and if it were more than that amount, then the additional funds would be voted on at a special town meeting. C. Taylor stated that the reasoning for sending the coverage out to bid was due to the 20% increase in price from the Town of Anson this year. He read a letter they had received from the Town of Anson.

Article 31: was amended to include the words, "with the Town of Anson," and passed as amended.

Articles 32-34: were adopted as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

A ten minute break was taken.

Articles 35-39: were adopted as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

Article 40: A motion was made by Larry Dunphy $(2^{nd} - John Mullin)$ to amend the article to include the words, "and to accept the lowest qualified bidder." The amendment failed. The original motion was then voted on and passed as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

The following sealed Sanding & Snow Removal Contract bids were opened:

1) Leon Rancourt d/b/a Dirt Diggers Inc.	1)	Leon Rancourt	d/b/a Dirt	Diggers Inc.
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	2012-2013	\$209,000
	2013-2014	\$215,270
	2014-2015	\$223,728
2)	Nitram Excavation	
	2012-2013	\$224,000
	2013-2014	\$224,000
	2014-2015	\$224,000
3)	Sam White Jr.	
	2012-2013	\$260,650
	2013-2014	\$261,650
	2014-2015	\$262,650
4)	Josh Nunes	
	2012-2013	\$239,500
	2013-2014	\$239,500
	2014-2015	\$239,500

The contractors who were present were given a chance to comment and respond to questions.

Maddy Pierce made a motion $(2^{nd}$ – Amanda Morrill) that the town enter into a contract with Nitram for snow removal. Bonnie Baker then made a motion to vote by written ballot. This was supported by more than 10 of the voters present. Written ballots were cast and counted.

Nitram Excavation was awarded the 3-year Sanding & Snow Removal Contract.

Articles 35-39: were adopted as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

Article 41: A motion was made by Robert Dunphy (2nd – Amanda Morrill) to accept this article as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers. Motion carried, however no dollar amount was ever set.

Articles 42-46: were adopted as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

There was a heated discussion on article 47.

Article 47: was first amended to read, "2,000." It was then amended to read, "8, 000," and passed as amended.

Article 48: was adopted as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

Article 49: failed.

A motion was then made by Larry Dunphy (2nd – Scott LeHay) to reconsider article 49. The motion to reconsider passed.

Article 49: A motion was made by Maddy Pierce (and seconded) to amend the article to include the words, "to pay the Recreation Director at an hourly rate." The amendment failed. The motion was then amended to read, "2, 500," and passed as amended.

Articles 50-52: were adopted as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

Article 53: was amended to read, "To require citizens to pay their property taxes in two equal installments beginning in 2013, the two halves of the taxes assessed for 2013 shall become due and payable in six month increments," and passed as amended.

Article 54: failed.

Article 55: was amended to include the words, "to be reviewed by the Board of Selectpersons and brought back at a Special Town meeting for voter approval," and passed as amended.

Article 56: was adopted as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

Article 57: was amended to include the words, "to be reviewed by the Board of Selectpersons and brought back at a Special Town meeting for voter approval," and passed as amended.

Article 58: was adopted as read and recommended by the Municipal Officers.

Article 59: was amended to read, "To keep the Katie Crotch Road as named," and passed as amended.

The newly elected officers were sworn by the Moderator.

Meeting was adjourned at 19:10.

Minutes submitted by:

Bonnie A. Baker

Yown of Embden



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS

Saturday, July 14, 2012

To Bonnie A. Baker, a citizen of the Town of Embden in the County of Somerset and State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Embden in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Embden Community Center (formerly the Embden Elementary School) in said town on Saturday, the 14th day of July, 2012 A.D., at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, to transact business as herein enumerated in the articles of the warrant set out below, to wit:

Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, Bonnie Baker at 09:00. It was attended by approximately 55 people.

Article 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

Paul Mills was elected to serve as moderator with a vote of 5-0. He was sworn in by the Town Clerk, and the meeting turned over to him. Ruth Blake made a motion $(2^{nd} - Ann Bridges)$ to allow non-residents to speak during the meeting. Motion carried.

Article 2. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to approve an exchange of easements with Nufer Bolmer pertaining to utility, pedestrian and vehicle access between the Embden Community Center (formerly the Embden Elementary School), and the current town office; and use by the Bolmers of either the current town office entrance or the former elementary school, now the Embden Community Center highway entrance, for access to their land, all as specified in the easement deeds as drafted.

Municipal Officers recommend.

Dwight Barron made a motion $(2^{nd} - Donna Bolmer)$ to approve Article 2 as read & recommended. Charles Taylor stated that the town's attorney, Ken Lexier had approved the wording of the easements. He read an email from K. Lexier. Ernest Hilton said he and Ken Lexier had discussed this at length. He explained that the Bolmers needed access to enable them to get a building permit, because the current access did not meet state

requirements. He added that the utilities for the Town Office had been run underground across the Bolmer land without getting permission or an easement. He stated that the Bolmers were asking for permission to use the two accesses of the Town Office and the Embden Community Center, and use of the pole. Rodney Hatch asked what the ramifications or restrictions would be if the town were to sell the lot that the current town office was on. E. Hilton explained that these are "pertinent easements," the right of use would still exist, however the Bolmers or their heirs may be willing to release the easement depending on what the town was doing with the land. He stressed that this easement was for the purpose of getting a building permit. R. Hatch questioned whether it would have made sense to use one lot instead of tying to both. E. Hilton replied that if the ECC were heavily used, they might want to use the town office, but the day-to-day plans were to use the Bolmers' current roadway. Alton McClamma said in reference to the 2 exits and entrances, he wondered about the legality of traffic flow going in and out of the back lots, the Town Office, and the ECC, in case of accidents. He also asked about the ramifications of vehicles being parked in the easement. He added that the intention may be to only use one access partially, but one it was deeded it becomes legal. Timothy Wahler stated that the description was kind of vague. Bruce Blake asked, "Did you mention that the Town didn't ask permission before running utility lines under the Bolmers' property?" He then made a motion $(2^{nd} - Edwin Thebarge)$ to move to a vote. That motion passed, and the residents voted on whether to approve Article 2 as read & recommended. **Motion** carries.

Article 3. To see if the inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$247,000.00 for FY 2012 snow season winter road maintenance contract(s) pursuant to March 2012 Town Meeting Article 41 (70% from taxation and 30% from surplus) or what they will do relating thereto. (2011-12 contract year's costs (including salt) from Jan-April was \$138,756.79, the 2012-13 contract year's costs (including salt) from Oct-Dec will be \$108,000.00 for a total of 246,756.79.)

Municipal Officers recommend \$172,900.00 from taxation and \$74,100 from surplus.

Dwight Barron made a motion $(2^{nd} - Ann Bridges)$ to approve Article 3 as read & recommended. C. Taylor said that the townspeople had chosen a contractor in March, and voted to take the funds from 70% taxation and 30% surplus, but had never set an amount. Larry Witham asked whether this number included salt & sand. C. Taylor replied, that yes it did, and in the future it would be an all inclusive contract. L. Witham asked if there was any salt or sand remaining. Wayne McLaughlin replied that there was about 1/3 of the sand left. C. Taylor added that there was not any salt in a separate pile, it was all mixed in with the sand. **Motion carried.**

Article 4. Shall the Selectmen be allowed to expend funds from the Municipal Buildings / Capital Improvement Fund (*working capital account with a balance of \$114,725*) pursuant to March 2012 Town Meeting Article 23 as amended "with the understanding that the Board of Selectpersons must bring back any plans, recommendations and/or proposals at a Special Town Meeting for voter approval" or what they will do related thereto.

- a) Bat removal and remediation at Embden's Historic Town House: The actual project cost is \$4000.00.
- b) Embden Pond dam/spillway project: Refer to project's plan and estimated cost proposals (to be presented by the dam committee).
- c) Community Center Capital Improvements: Refer to cost proposals (to be presented by Embden Community Club representatives).

Municipal Officers recommend.

Dwight Barron made a motion $(2^{nd} - Ann Bridges)$ to approve Article 4 as read & recommended.

- A) Charles Taylor stated that the Selectmen had gotten a couple of bids. He stated that the Historical Society had paid for the project due to the nature of the timing. He said there had been a bunch of bat guano in the Town House. He said they had hired a firm to abate the bats, but a few had gotten back in. He said this firm guaranteed their work for 1 year, and would be back in August once any pups in the building were able to fly. He added that the Historical Society had paid the firm \$3,600 and was holding the other 10% until the job was complete.
- C. Taylor stated that the Embden Pond Dam Committee had a conceptual design plan. Steven Govoni (Wentworth Partners & Associates in Skowhegan) stated that he had been asked to help the town in remediation at the outlet site. He said they had been moving forward at a slow pace with the dam committee, and had done a lot of the preliminary work. He explained some of the history of the site. He stated, "The bottom line is that the dam that is there now is not repairable." Elizabeth Pratt asked how much the level of the lake might drop if the dam were gone. S. Govoni replied that the elevation was originally set at 416' above sea level, and was currently 414.23'. He said he had stopped this morning, and what he saw was the water going over the log, but under it as well. He stated he felt it had the ability to drop another 14" plus whatever was in the holes and gaps, 18" easily, and perhaps even another 2'. Timothy Wahler said that when the town had taken ownership of this dam, the Selectmen had said there were lots of grants available. He asked whether they had looked into this. Discussion continued on the grant process and availability of grants for this project. C. Taylor said they had not applied for a grant, nor had there been any foresight to start the process back when money was available. He added that it had been a struggle to even get the property, and an individual had paid a law firm approximately \$20K to get ownership of the property transferred to the town. James Dickau asked about the cost of rebuilding the dam and the useful life expectancy. S. Govoni stated the estimated cost was \$50K in construction. He added that they would use the back spoils. He explained that there was a difference in the permitting process, and the DEP no has the say. He said he had already met with Emergency Management and Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, and both have released the permitting, so now they just needed DEP approval. He estimated the life expectancy at 80 years. J. Dickau commented that the \$50K cost to repair the dam sounded reasonable when compared to the \$240K approved to plow the roads. S. Govoni cautioned that the engineering and permitting processes needed to be completed before the town could apply for a grant. B. Blake made a motion to move to a vote.
- C) C. Taylor stated that the Embden Community Center had housekeeping issues and upgrades which were "drastically needed." W. McLaughlin said that the big thing was the heating system. He stated that they had received bids from Bob's Cash Fuel as follows: Geothermal \$89,915, Oil Fired \$32,260, and another available system \$33,909. Robert Shibley (of Bob's Cash Fuel) said they had been approached to look at a system for the Comm. Center. He said that the current cost of fuel was a concern. He explained that the System 2000 boiler was very energy efficient, would show at least a 10% savings, and was capable of using multiple fuel types by changing the burner to burn either propane or natural gas. He stated they had some information on Geothermal, which uses ground energy by extracting the heat from the ground in the winter, and in the summer extracting it to use later. He stated that Madison Area High School was drilling wells now to implement this type of heat source, and O'Connors in Augusta used it as well. He stated that while the technique had been around a long time, it was just starting to be seen in Maine. He added that the up front installation costs were higher, however the building was currently using approximately \$15K a year in heating costs; so the choice

was to pay this amount each year, or pay \$89K up front and have a positive cash flow by the 7th year with longterm savings going forward. Gregory Trefethen asked what the 3rd option was. Nate Richardson (Service Manager for Bob's Cash Fuel) replied that the 3rd option was a Bedaras oil fire burner which was strictly oil, not convertible fuel. Michael Cote asked how much the systems would cost to operate. N. Richardson replied that the building was currently costing approximately \$15-16K annually with oil, about 4,400gallons; the estimated cost for geothermal is about \$6K per year, a savings of about \$10K per year (a savings of approximately \$300K over the course of 20 years). He added that there was a long term life expectancy of 15-20 years with the oil system; with an expected life of 20 years and a 10 year warranty on the geothermal compressor; the geothermal tubing should last more than 200 years. He stated the Bederas bid was \$35,216, and would show about a 20% savings (maybe 1,000 gallons) over the current system. He cautioned that with an oil-burning system, it is possible that in a few years the town could be spending the same amounts they are now even with a new system due to increasing fuel costs. C. Taylor said, "I am in the heating business as well. What they are proposing is very reasonable." He stated that the BOS also have a bid for a wood pellet system. He stated, "Anything we do we are going to see an improvement of at least 15%." N. Richardson stated that part of the bids included a \$5K charge for asbestos abatement. Discussions continued. C. Taylor stated that the BOS were merely asking for permission to expend the money; it is a working capital account which they could have expended. B. Blake made a motion that discussions cease and the town's "very capable Board of Selectmen" be allowed to make that choice. Ann Bridges asked whether there were any energy rebates available for the geothermal. C. Taylor replied that 30% was available from EnergyMaine. R. Shibley stated that he was not sure what would be available where this system was for a municipality rather than an individual or commercial building. He stated that the geothermal system made the most sense to him because the town would no longer be dependent on others. Larry Dunphy asked if anyone had done an audit. McLaughlin stated they had not done an energy audit, however they had bids on replacing windows on the front and back sides of the building to reduce heat loss. He stated the estimate was \$7,850 to do the front and \$3,665 to do the rear, along with a quote of \$600 for the bathroom windows.

Timothy Wahler asked the BOS what they would choose to do, the dam or the building. E. Pratt replied, "In my opinion, we should do the dam first. The other thing we need to do if we are going to keep the boiler we have now, we need to replace the windows." W. McLaughlin stated, "I would choose the dam and the windows, and then come back again with the boiler." Torrey Wahler stated that they had been told in a former meeting about the dam that as soon as the town got ownership of the dam, they would be able to get grants. She added that they were telling the people that "everyone" could use Embden Pond, however they lived on Fahi Pond and had to pay to maintain and plow the road that people use to get to the state maintained dam. She emphasized that had the dam been left in the state's hands, it would have eventually been fixed. Joe Creamer argued that Fahi was not part of this article. C. Taylor replied, "You are fortunate to have a dam that is in good repair." He stated that the state was pulling 3-5M gallons of water per day out of the pond. Edwin Thebarge stated that Embden Pond is one of the highest taxed ponds. He said that he had been on the BOS when the town got the dam and did not remember anything about grants being discussed at the time. He added that the pipe from the fish hatchery was 40' below the surface of the water, so they had no concerns. Timothy Wahler stated that the point he was trying to make was that some residents pay \$500 to maintain the road to Fahi, if everyone on the pond put in \$500 there would be enough money to repair the dam. Larry Dunphy stated, "The residents of Embden, and certainly the residents of Embden Pond, pay a significant amount to be on the pond. It's called taxes. We owe it to them to fix the dam." He added that he remembered people having concerns about the Community Center building, and they were now talking "big bucks" to keep it open. He said the 200 year life expectancy for the geothermal system was great, but the building will not be here in 200 years.

- **Article 5.** Shall the following amendment to the Town of Embden's Shore land Zoning Ordinance, dated June 21, 2004, be enacted? Section 3.3 is amended to read:
- 3.3 LATERALLY-SPLIT DISTRICTS shall have a belt of Resource Protection District of specified depth inland from the shoreline, behind which there shall be Limited Recreational-Residential District for the balance of the 250' depth inland. Lots shall have a straight-line shore frontage of five hundred feet (500) two hundred feet (200) as a condition for construction or development within the Limited Recreational-Residential District sector. There shall be two such Laterally-Split Districts. The Seventy-Five Foot Laterally-Split District (75' LSD) shall have a Resource Protection District belt extending 75' inland. The One Hundred Foot Laterally-Split District (100' LSD) shall have a Resource Protection District belt extending 100' inland.

Municipal Officers recommend.

Rodney Hatch made a motion $(2^{nd} - Dwight Barron)$ to approve Article 5 as read & recommended. Larry Witham asked that the article be explained. Leo Mayo stated that the town had been petitioned by a homeowner to change the LSD which had been in effect since 1979. He added that the zoning would remain the same, however the frontage would change to 200' per state guidelines. He said it would affect all properties on the Kennebec and Carrabassett Rivers. **Motion carries.**

Article 6. To accept, as deeded from Maine-ly Trees, Inc. to the Inhabitants of the Town of Embden, as an addition to the existing right-of-way of the East Shore Road.

Municipal Officers recommend.

E. Thebarge made a motion to approve Article 6 as read and recommended. Motion carries.

Article 7. To see if the inhabitants will vote to increase the number of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor from three to five; this change, if approved, to become effective at the 2013 annual town meeting, at which time one additional Selectman/Overseer shall be elected for a two-year term and on additional Selectman/Overseer shall be elected for a three-year term, with all elections thereafter for the office of Selectman/Overseer being for a three-year term.

Municipal Officers recommend.

Timothy Wahler made a motion $(2^{nd} - B. Blake)$ to approve Article 7 as read and recommended. A voter asked why five members, and what would be the cost. C. Taylor replied that it would probably cost \$6,600 (\$3,300 per Selectman). He said he was trying to spread the work out. He added that they had been asked to bring a lot of things back to town meeting, and were trying to avoid unintentional public meetings. He stated he would have "no heartburn" in not having a 5-man board, but he thought it would be a help. He also stated that they were unsure of who would run. He said there would already be a Board of Assessor opening in March. B. Blake asked if all 3 Selectmen were in favor of this article. W. McLaughlin and E. Pratt both said no. C. Taylor stated that he was "on the fence, but reluctantly yes." E. Pratt explained, "Some people in town found it

upsetting that 2 of the Selectmen work at the Community Center, and they think that we discuss things about the town. Come on! We are working in the kitchen, peeling potatoes, not talking about town business. We don't have a lot of volunteers." Pamela Stephens asked why they were looking at this now and not in March. C. Taylor stated that it needed to be done 90 days before an election. P. Stephens made a motion $(2^{nd} - L. Dunphy)$ to bring the article back in March at the Annual Town Meeting. C. Taylor stated if they waited until March it would not take effect until 2014. The moderator cautioned that he would allow them to vote, but it would not be legally binding because there were only 2 ways to put an item on the town meeting warrant, either by the BOS doing it, or by petition. B. Blake made a motion $(2^{nd} - L. Dunphy)$ to move discussion. Motion carries to cease debate. A straw pole was taken by show of hands as to who was in favor of putting this item on the March Town Meeting Warrant. Straw pole showed the majority of those present were not in favor of this. Voters then voted on whether to change to a 5 member Board of Selectmen to take affect March 2013. Motion defeated.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:34.

Minutes submitted by:

Bonnie A. Baker

SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Saturday, March 2, 2013

To Bonnie Baker, resident of the Town of Embden, in the County of Somerset, State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of <u>Embden</u> in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the <u>Embden Town Office</u> in said town on <u>Saturday</u>, the 2nd day of <u>March</u>, A.D. <u>2013</u>, at <u>seven and forty-five</u> o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from <u>eight</u> o'clock in the forenoon until <u>twelve</u> o'clock in the afternoon;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the <u>Embden Community Center (formerly the Embden Elementary School)</u> in said town on <u>Saturday</u>, the 2nd day of March, 2013 A.D., at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 46 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

Article 2. To elect all municipal officers and school committee members as are require to be elected.

Nominated Candidates;

Selectman, three-year term: Charles Taylor

Town Clerk/Treasurer, one-year term: Bonnie Baker

Tax Collector, one-year term: Ruth Blake

Road Commissioner, one-year term: Michael Witham

Assessor, three-year term: Wayne McLaughlin

RSU #74 School Board Director, one-year term: Dwight Baron

RSU #74 School Board Director, three-year term:

Article 3. To see if the Inhabitants will accept the following tax assessment and collection related questions:

A. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to apply any property tax overpayment of less than \$20 to that person's next year's property taxes.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

B. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to charge the maximum rate of interest allowed by the State on all unpaid taxes beginning 30 days after commitment of said taxes or 30 days from the date of the tax bill(s) whichever is later (Rate being 7%).

Selectmen recommend Yes.

C. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize citizens to pay their property taxes in two equal installments, the first one half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable in July 2013, the second one-half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable in November 2013 or what they will do related thereto

Selectmen recommend Yes.

D. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.S.R.A. Section 506.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

E. If the Inhabitants accept the previous section, what, if any, interest shall the Inhabitants pay on these prepaid taxes? (If the Inhabitants vote to pay interest, the interest rate cannot be more than 8%.)

Selectmen recommend 0%

F. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate from overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2013.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

G. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A Section 506-A.

Selectmen recommend Yes and a rate of 5%.

Article 4. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.S.R.A. Section 2953.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 5. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Selectmen to procure a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for the purpose of paying municipal indebtedness; such note to be repaid during the current fiscal year from taxes paid during the municipal year.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 6. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to apply for, accept, and expend grant money available from the State of Maine, Federal Government, or other organizations for any public purpose when they deem it to be in the town's best interest and needed matching funds are available within the current budget.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 7. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount of the previous annual budget during the period from January 1, 2014 to the Annual Town Meeting.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 8. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to sell and dispose of any tax acquired property by the following procedure; acquiring a fair market value on the property, set a minimum bid amount, and to place said property out to bid. Then to award the property on such terms as they deem to be in the best interest of the town and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such property.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 9. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept gifts of money, equipment, or other articles for the town. (All gifts to become property of the town)

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 10. To see if the Inhabitants will accept funds from, but not limited to, the following potential revenue sources:

- A. Municipal Revenue Sharing
- B. Local Road Assistance
- C. State Aid for Education
- D. Civil Emergency Funds
- E. Tree Growth Reimbursement
- F. Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement
- G. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement
- H. General Assistance Reimbursement

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 11. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Embden Travelers Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their system of trails and bridges open in snow season to the public within the Town of Embden.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to carry the following account balances forward into their respective accounts. (Account balances as of Dec. 31st, 2012):

BALANCE FORWARD ACCOUNTS	2013 REQUEST
Community Center	\$ 6,580
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 107,475
Assessors Account	\$ 4,099
Tax Map Account	\$ 6,808
Planning Board Account	\$ 9,338
E-911 Account	\$ 2,482
Animal Control Account	\$ 2,365
Highways & Bridges (Summer Roads)	\$ 32,655
Recreation Account	\$ 9,408
Technology Account	\$ 6,159
Regulations & Manuals	\$ 3,746

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Total: \$191,115

Article 13. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into a rental agreement with the Embden Community Club. This agreement shall be for the sole purpose of allowing the Embden Community Club to manage the daily operations of the Embden Community Center. Under this agreement, all revenues paid to the Town of Embden, shall be placed into the existing carried forward community center maintenance account that are to be used exclusively for building utilities and ancillary operating expenses, daily maintenance, and improvements for the Embden Community Center building.

All programming revenues or expenses shall be retained or paid by the Embden Community Club, as an individual entity, separate from the Town of Embden.

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 14. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$82,000 from taxation for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Municipal Officials or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 15. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from surplus for legal expenses or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus)

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 16. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,400 from surplus for membership, dues, etc. in civic organizations. (i.e., KVCOG, SEDC, MMA, MTCCA, MTCTA, MAAO, etc.)

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 17. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from taxation for all insurance policies, (e.g.; worker's comp., building, equipment, etc.) or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 18. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from taxation for audit of the 2012 town books, expenses for holding Town Meeting(s), and for printing of the Annual Town Report or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 19. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,950 from taxation for unanticipated expenses or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 20. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from taxation for the yearly repair and maintenance of all town owned buildings, structures, and property or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 21. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from surplus for the Capital Improvement Fund, for the purpose of capital improvement projects for any town owned buildings or structures or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 22. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 from taxation for utilities (fuel, electricity, telephone, internet, mowing, trash removal, cleaning, etc.) or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 23. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from taxation for supplies and equipment used to run the operations of the town office or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 24. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from taxation for annual licensing and maintenance fees for the Municipal Software from Trio Software Company.

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 25. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to combine the carried forward sum of \$3,746 from Regulations & Manuals with the carried forward sum of \$6,159 in the Technology Account for the purpose of creating an Information/Technology Account or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 26. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,355 from surplus for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for Tax Assessment or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 27. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,700 from taxation for the Tax Map Maintenance Account or what they will do related thereto (this amount includes \$4,500 for Embden's share of the Embden/New Portland town line marking)

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 28. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,250 from surplus for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Planning Board or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 29. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,850 from surplus for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Appeals Board or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 30. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,950 from excise, for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for Code Enforcement or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officer, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 31. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000 from taxation for contracted fire protection and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a fire protection agreement with a fire protection provider or what they will do related thereto Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 32. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from taxation for the annual rental of fire hydrants to the Madison Water District pursuant to 35-A M.S.R.A. Section 107 or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 33. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from taxation for emergency services to Anson-Madison-Starks (AMS) Ambulance Service or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 34. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from taxation for Town E911 signs and maintenance or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 35. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,525 from surplus, for Animal Control or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 36. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to pay all Town hired labor and equipment at the prevailing State of Maine hourly rate or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 37. To see if the Inhabitants will permit the Municipal Officers and/or Road Commissioner to use URIP Block Grant money, within the dedicated account for improvements to Town maintained roads and/or bridges, not to exceed the year ending balance of \$56,293. Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 38. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for repair and maintenance of bridges, roads, and culverts, dedicated for use by the Road Commissioner, or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed recommend \$125,000 from taxation and \$75,000 from excise.

Article 39. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$224,000 for the winter roads contract or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed recommend \$175,000 from taxation and \$49,000 from surplus.

Article 40. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from taxation for solid waste disposal to Waste Management, Inc. or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 41. To see if the Inhabitants will raise and appropriate \$2,000 from excise for the purpose of General Assistance administered by the town or what they will do related thereto (Any additional funds, if needed, to be withdrawn from Surplus)

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 42. To see if the Inhabitants will raise and appropriate the recommended amount from surplus for the following Social Services and Charities or what they will do related thereto

A. Stewart Public Library		\$1000.00
B. Hospice		\$ 200.00
C. Senior Spectrum		\$ 800.00
D. Family Violence		\$ 500.00
E. Solon Food Cupboard		\$2000.00
F. Madison Food Cupboard		\$2000.00
G. Baker Mountain		\$ 500.00
H. American Red Cross		\$ 300.00
I. KVCAP		\$ 300.00
J. Sunset Cemetery		\$1000.00
K. Madison Public Library		\$ 500.00
L. Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center		\$ 300.00
M. Maine Public Broadcasting System		\$ 100.00
	Total:	\$9,500.00

Article 43. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from surplus and appropriate the revenues collected in program fees for compensation, applicable taxes, program funding, and other related expenses for the Embden Recreation Department or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 44. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 from taxation plus interest from the Mary Ann Burns trust fund for use, dedicated for maintenance of cemeteries within the town or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 45. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100 from surplus for compensation, and applicable taxes for the town's Emergency Management Department or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 46. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Embden by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved by the proposed articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Dated: February 4, 2013. <u>Charles Taylor</u>

Wayne McLaughlin

Elizabeth Pratt

Municipal Officers

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Rules of Town Meeting

All comments or questions will be directed to the Moderator. No one may speak until recognized by the moderator.

The article will be read in full and the recommendation of the Municipal Officers will be stated. An affirmative motion will be made by an identified voter. No negative motions, including a motion to pass over, will be accepted. Vote will be by a show of hands. The vote will be announced. Vote may be challenged by at least 7 voters.

Any decision by the moderator may be challenged. He may be overruled by a majority vote of the voters.

No smoking is allowed in the building.

General provisions for town meeting are contained in the MSRA Title 30.

GENERAL TOWN MEETING PROVISIONS

THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS APPLY TO ALL TOWN MEETINGS:

- 1. QUALIFIED VOTER: Every voter in the town may vote in the election of all town officials and in all town affairs.
- 2. MODERATOR ELECTED AND SWORN: The clerk, or in the clerk's absence a selectman or constable, shall open the meeting by:
 - a. Calling for the election of a moderator by written ballot
 - b. Receiving and counting votes for moderator
 - c. Swearing in the moderator
- 3. MODERATOR PRESIDES: As soon as he has been elected and sworn, the moderator shall preside over and supervise the voting at the meeting and may appoint a deputy moderator to assist the moderator. If the moderator is absent or unable to carry out the duties, the clerk, or in the clerk's absence a selectman or constable, may call for the election of a deputy moderator to act in the absence of the moderator.
 - a. All persons shall be silent at the moderator's command. A person may not speak before the moderator recognizes that person. A person who is not a voter in the town may speak at the meeting only with the consent of 2/3 of the voters present.
 - i. If any person, after a command for order by the moderator, continues to act in a disorderly manner, the moderator may direct that person to leave the meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the moderator may have that person removed by a constable and confined until the meeting is adjourned.
 - b. When a vote declared by the moderator is immediately questioned by atleast 7 voters, the moderator shall make certain by polling the voters or by a method directed by the municipal legislative body.
- 4. VOTES RECORDED BY THE CLERK: The clerk shall accurately record the votes of the meeting.
- 5. WRITTEN BALLOTS: The clerk shall prepare the ballots. Ballots shall be of uniform size and color and must be blank except that 2 squares with "yes" by one and "no" by the other may be printed on them. The moderator shall ensure that each voter receives only one ballot for each vote taken.

2013 Annual Town Meeting Appropriation Results

j		UKIP Block					2013
		Grant					Proposed
		& Other					Operating
	Description	Revenues	Carried Fwd	Taxation	Surplus	Excise	Budgeted
Art. 13	Embden Community Center		\$ 6,580				\$ 6,580
Art. 14	Municipal Officials		\$ -	\$ 82,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82,000
Art. 15	Legal Expenses		s -	s -	\$ 10,000	s -	\$ 10,000
Art. 16	Membership Dues		s -	s -	\$ 4,400	s -	\$ 4,400
Art. 17	nsurance		\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000
Art. 18	Town Audit/Town Meeting/Annual Report		s -	\$ 8,000	s -	s -	\$ 8,000
Art. 19	Unanticipated Expenses		s -	\$ 1,950	s -	s -	\$ 1,950
Art. 20	Facilities Maintenance		s -	\$ 8,000	s -	s -	\$ 8,000
Art. 21	Capital Improvement Fund		\$ 107,475	s -	\$ 100,000	s -	\$ 207,475
Art. 22	Utilities		\$ -	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,000
Art. 23	Supplies & Equipment		s -	\$ 8,000	s -	\$ -	\$ 8,000
Art. 24	Trio Lic. & Maint.		s -	\$ 5,000	s -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Art. 25 Combine	Manuals, Regs, etc.		\$ 3,746	s -	s -	s -	\$ 3,746
Art. 25 Combine	Technology Account		\$ 6,159	s -	s -	\$ -	\$ 6,159
Art. 26	Tax Assessment		\$ 4,099	s -	\$ 30,355	s -	\$ 34,454
Art. 27	Town Tax Maps-Maintenance		\$ 6,808	\$ 7,700	s -	s -	\$ 14,508
Art. 28	Planning Board		\$ 9,338	s -	s -	\$ 8,250	\$ 17,588
Art. 29	Appeals Board		s -	s -	s -	\$ 2,850	\$ 2,850
Art. 30	Code Enforcement		s -	s -	s -	\$ 11,950	\$ 11,950
Art. 31	Fire Protection		s -	\$ 42,000	s -	s -	\$ 42,000
Art. 32	Hydrants		s -	\$ 12,000	s -	s -	\$ 12,000
Art. 33	Ambulance		s -	\$ 15,000	s -	s -	\$ 15,000
Art. 34	B-911 Account		\$ 2,482	\$ 2,000	s -	s -	\$ 4,482
Art. 35	Animal Control		\$ 2,365	\$ -	\$ 3,525	\$ -	\$ 5,890
Art. 36	State Wages						
Art. 37	Block Grant Funds	\$ 56,293					5 -
Art. 38	Summer Roads Repair & Maintenance		\$ 32,655	\$ 125,000	s -	\$ 75,000	\$ 232,655
Art. 39	Winter Roads Plowing & Sanding Contract		\$ -	\$ 175,000	\$ 49,000	\$ -	\$ 224,000
Art. 40	Solid Waste Disposal		\$ -	\$ 40,000	s -	s -	\$ 40,000
Art. 41	General Assistance		\$ -	s -	s -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Art. 42	Social Services/Donations		s -	s -	\$ 10,040	s -	\$ 10,040
Art. 43	Recreation Department		\$ 9,408	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 14,408
Art. 44	Maint. Of Consteries		s -	\$ 1,000	s -	s -	\$ 1,000
Art. 45	Emergency Management Department		s -	\$ -	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ 1,100

	<u>.</u>	P Block Grant Other yennes	Carried F	end.	Taration	Surplus		Enrise	Total P	roposed riation
2013 Totals	\$	56,293	\$ 191	,115	\$ 589,650	\$ 213,420	5	100,050	\$	903,120
2012 Totals	S	33,425	\$ 95	669	\$ 589,650	\$ 205,901	\$	91,800	S	887,351
Differential +/-	8	22,868	s 95	446	s .	\$ 7.519	\$	8.250	s	15,769
Diferential %		68,42%	99	77%	0.00%	3.65%		8.99%		1.78%

Excise Tax							
		Actual 2012		Anticipated 2013		D)IFF	
Revenue/Anticipated	s	156,891	\$	150,000	\$	(6,891)	
Expended/Proposed Appropriation	\$	91,800	\$	100,050	\$	8,250	
Lapse to Surplus	\$	65,091	8	49,950	\$	(15,141)	

2013 Appro	priations	2012 Appr	ropriations	
Municipal Taxation		Municipal Taxation	S	589,650.00
County Tax		County Tax	S	448,901.00
MSAD #74		MSAD #74	\$	1,464,353.00
Overlay		Overlay	\$	40,366.00
Total Due/ Taxation		Total Duc/Taxation	S	2,543,270.00

Embden Community Club Report

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

"TO MAKE USE OF AND SUPPORT THE EMBDEN COMMUNITY CENTER AS A MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY, AND TO UNDERTAKE ANY ACTIVITIES THERE WHICH OFFER A WIDE VARIETY OF SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL AND CIVIC PROGRAMS FOR RESIDENTS OF ANY AGE FROM EMBDEN AND SURROUNDING TOWNS, ALL FOR PROMOTING COMMUNITY TOGETHERNESS."

The Embden Community Club has completed the year pleased that we could contribute \$12,800 back to the inhabitants to offset some of the cost to operate and upkeep the facility. At the same time we are a bit humbled. The many things we have each learned over the past year will hopefully give us direction on how best to proceed into the future. We are still learning everyday what types of programs people in the area wish to have offered in the future. Are we a bit smarter than we were 12 months ago? I believe we are. Did every event make the money we hoped it would? No they did not. As in any endeavor any of us do, sometimes we win and sometimes we don't.

The 'Neighbor to Neighbor Thrift Store' has been a big hit, making a decent profit over the year. Yet we still hear from many people that never knew it existed. The Thrift Store is open each Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10am to 2pm. The 'Lending Library' is also open whenever the Thrift Store is open. There are new books being put out as often as possible!

Thank you to all of you that have supported our numerous activities and events held this past year. In case you missed any, here are a few things offered this past year – zumba, TOPS, bone – builders, walking, sewing group, Tim Sample, Borderline Express, Retrospect, Bell Ringers, a Contra-Dance, Children's Halloween Party (with thanks to CHS JMG Group for help!), craft fairs and flea markets, and a 'Kids Fun Day' to name a few! In addition to our monthly dinners held the second Saturday of every month (except December). The menu is chosen, prepared and served by a very dedicated 'kitchen crew'. It is amazing what they turn out each month! The meals are priced affordable so you can bring the entire family.

With the exception of the 'Kids Fun Day' and the Halloween Party, which were great successes, we are having a hard time connecting with the children of the community. We have repeatedly tried to come up with ideas for the children to participate in and enjoy what the community center has to offer. We are asking you; what do kids like to do? We need your help, please ask your children what they would like to see here and then let us know.

To all of you with High School children – the community center offers a scholarship to a graduate that resides in Embden each year.

As a group, we have learned over the past year what it takes to make the community center run smoothly on a daily basis. It takes a great amount of team work and lots of time. It has been a privilege to be part of a town that enjoys the many programs that has been offered. We are in need of some new and exciting ideas to make the center enjoyable for all. If you would like to see the community center thrive and become a member, please get in touch with a member from the Embden Community Club.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HAVE MADE THIS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED –

THE EMBDEN COMMUNITY CLUB

Coming Events

FEBRUARY 2ND – DANCE WITH PALMER & COMPANY @ 7 PM

FEBRUARY 9TH – MONTHLY DINNER – STUFFED PORK CHOPS 5 – 6 PM

FEBRUARY 16TH – 'ELVIS EP ROCK' @ 7 PM

MARCH 9TH – MONTHLY DINNER – CORNED BEEF 5 – 6 PM

MARCH 23RD – PAT LIBBY & SHILO CREEK (COUNTRY BAND) @ 7 PM

APRIL 13TH – MONTHLY DINNER – MENU TO BE DETERMINED

ONGOING EVENTS -

WALKING – MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 10 AM – 12 PM (FREE)

BONE BUILDERS – MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 9 – 10 AM (FREE)

TOPS - MONDAY 10:30 AM - 12 PM

SEWING CLASS – WEDNESDAY 10 AM – 12 PM (\$1.00 FEE/CLASS)

ZUMBA – TUESDAY & THURSDAY 6:30 – 7:30 PM (\$4.00 FEE/CLASS)

STARTING IN FEBRUARY – MONDAY NIGHTS 6 - 8 PM

'GATHERING OF COMMUNITY FRIENDS'

Come and play cards, games, knit, play ping pong and enjoy open gym

EVERY MONTH – COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING THE $2^{\rm ND}$ TUESDAY AND $4^{\rm TH}$ THURSDAY OF THE MONTH @ $6{:}30~{\rm PM}$

'NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR THRIFT STORE' & THE LENDING LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 10 AM - 2 PM

ROOM & GYM RENTALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR BIRTHDAY PARTIES, RECEPTIONS AND ETC.

PLEASE NOTE THE KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN FOR LUNCH PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING

2012 Officers - President – Raymond Young, Vice-President – Mona McLaughlin, Secretary – Lori Creamer and Treasurer – Ruth Blake

ECC YEAR END 2012

	Money In	Money Out	<u>Net</u>
room rentals	\$ 3,575.00	\$ -	\$ 3,575.00
programs	\$ 2,292.00	\$ 1,366.00	\$ 926.00
dinners	\$ 5,586.73	\$ -	\$ 5,586.73
concerts	\$ 4,439.00	\$ 3,245.00	\$ 1,194.00
flea/craft market	\$ 789.35	\$ -	\$ 789.35
50/50	\$ 848.75	\$ -	\$ 848.75
kitchen food sales	\$ 1,600.46	\$ -	\$ 1,600.46
ball games	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
bake sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Donations	\$ 2,500.81	\$ -	\$ 2,500.81
Thrift Store	\$ 8,552.67	<u>\$ 233.15</u>	\$ 8,319.52
Total	\$30,184.77	\$ 4,844.15	\$ 25,340.62

	Money In	Money Out	<u>Net</u>
Food Expenses	\$ -	\$ 3,645.57	\$ (3,645.57)
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ -	\$ 4,574.94	\$ (4,574.94)
Advertizing & Licenses	<u>\$</u>	\$ 502.80	\$ (502.80)
Total	\$30,184.77	\$13,567.46	\$ 16,617.31
Money Given to Town Treasurer	\$ -	\$12,800.00	\$(12,800.00)
ECC Donated money	<u>\$</u>	\$ 550.00	<u>\$ (550.00)</u>
Totals	\$30,184.77	\$26,917.46	\$ 3,267.31
Thrift Store Sales Tax	\$ 196.53	\$ 196.53	\$ -
2nd half of year	\$ 231.15	\$ 231.15	\$ -
DINNERS & KITCHEN	Money In	Money Out	<u>Net</u>
	\$ 7,187.19	\$(3,645.57)	\$ 3,541.62

Submitted By: Ruth Blake, Embden Community Club Treasurer

Embden Historical Society

www.rootsweb.com/~meehs

The Embden Historical Society enjoys meeting monthly at the Embden Town House on the top of Ford Hill during the months of May through November.

The 2012 Program honored our 99 year-old member, Betty Miller, who holds the Boston Post Cane for the Town of Embden.

Our February, March, April and October meetings were held at the Embden Community Center. In **February** Jim Lightbody displayed many of his mother's scrapbooks. Our **March** meeting was a very interesting program on old bottles by Embden resident, Diane Rounds. She also provided many fascinating stories of her experiences. Duluth "Dude" Wing traveled from Eustis for our April meeting to educate us on the maintenance of Woodlot Property Lines. He also demonstrated the various markings on line trees and what the markings mean. We went back to the Town House in May for Maine Civil War Photography provided by State Historian Earle Shettleworth, Jr., from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. In **June** Steve Pinkham of Quincy, Massachusetts presented information about his new book *Tales of the Maine* Woods. For our July meeting Eldon McLean made a great presentation along with some demonstrations on beekeeping, hives and supplies which was very well attended (22 members and 7 guests). Attendees included some area people that were strictly interested in bees. Also in **July** summer residents, Walter and Meribeth Quick, graciously hosted the annual picnic/cookout at their home. Good food, drinks and good company were enjoyed while overlooking the river. Walter MacDougall from Milo is always eager to speak to our group. At our August meeting Walter spoke on Maine Nurse, Alice Zwicker, Angels of Bataan, In September we had both our Annual Meeting with Election of Officers and an Executive Committee Meeting to plan next year's program. In **October** we met at the Embden Community Center to show the DVD – Last Kennebec Log Drive narrated by the late John Young. The large diverse group thoroughly enjoyed the film along with old local footage. The Society concluded the year with the Pot Luck Harvest Fest together with the Yankee Swap.

The cemeteries in town have been visited and the necessary work was done.

Topics for 2013 programs are:

Feb. 11: Bring your Collections: Buttons, stamps, etc.

March 11: Embden's June 1, 2011 Tornado (photos/slide show)

April 8: Gee Bee's, 1930's racing planes by the Granville Brothers

May 13: Stories of Flagstaff and Dead River

June 10: History through Jacob Broom, 5th Signer of the Constitution

July 8: Oregon Trail by Mule (Missouri to Oregon)

Aug. 12: Childhood Toys, including Cap Guns

Sept. 9: Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Oct. 14: DVD: History of Christmas Cards

Nov. 11: Harvest Fest and Yankee Swap

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month; February through April at the Community Center and the remainder of the year at the Embden Town House. (There are no meetings in December and January.) Dues are \$3.00 per person and can be mailed to the Treasurer, Mitchell Quint, P.O. Box 274, North Anson, ME 04958. Guests are welcome. If you'd like to be added to the monthly email notice of our meeting, please feel free to contact me at mcdolan@roadrunner.com

Thank you to all those people who are generous devoting their time and energy to our organization. Our meetings are educational and we have a lot of fun; refreshments are tasty too. Come join us. We appreciate your support.

Carol Dolan

Embden Pond Association

The Embden Pond Association (E.P.A.) was created years ago to help preserve the beautiful natural resource of the lake. Since then it has also taken on the responsibility of helping the community. Without the work, donations, and programs sponsored by the E.P.A. the potential problems and cost to the taxpayers of Embden would be much greater. Here is a list of the things we do:

- 1. Pay the bill for the toilets at the beach for the public and the swim program
- 2. Donate money to the High School for a senior scholarship
- 3. Gave money to the Embden Elem. School Principal to use as needed for the school and activities
- 4. Hold a Grade 5 Essay Contest with prizes in order to encourage writing skills in education
- 5. Is donating money to the town to help pay for the Dam reconstruction
- 6. Provides a service to the town by performing annual water quality testing on the lake and a report to the state at our expense
- 7. Provides a service to the town saving the town expenses by aiding with the safety problems on the lake (loose dock, fallen trees, water debris, lost & found) at our expense
- 8. Supports the Embden Community Center activities
- 9. Holds an Annual E.P.A. Kids Ice Fishing Day on Embden for Embden children and their families with free lunch, cookies & hot chocolate
- 10. Sponsors safety programs for the community free of charge (CPR, First Aid training)
- 11. Sponsors an Embden Pond Boat Parade on the 4th of July (over 30 boats take part)
- 12. The E.P.A. installs, maintains and removes the marker buoys in the lake every year
- 13. The E.P.A sponsored the First Invasive Plant Search Day on Embden this year in conjunction with a High School program and state invasive plant training, and served lunch to all at our expense
- 14. The E.P.A. checks the marker buoys in the lake each month to make sure they are in their correct place for public safety
- 15. We would like to develop a plan to help Embden Seniors

We aren't just about the lake. The Embden Pond Association is about Embden, its people and its natural resources. We work for the good of us all.

Co-Presidents:

Myles Durkin & Jack Stephens

Embden Travelers Snowmobile Club

The Embden Travelers S.C was created to provide recreation, enjoyment and entertainment for the residents of Embden and others when using the snowmobile trails. The organization consists of volunteers that build and maintain all that is necessary to support this non-profit activity normally consisting of 43 miles of trails. In support of this effort, the Club thanks the residents of Embden for approving the transfer of monies received for snowmobile registrations to the Club. The ETSC is also supported annually by a State grant that will equal \$3,275 and \$15.00 from each family membership, as well as donations and fund raisers.

Last year, the ETSC had 51 family, 2 business and 1 associate membership. At the time of this writing (January 25) the membership level is down 40%. Trail conditions are good but bony in spots. We have attempted to shovel in washouts that occurred as a result of the January thaw and rain. (Some of us are thinking snow to accompany the current frigid temperatures.)

We meet the second Wednesday of the month October through April with membership open to everyone. Contact Nancy McLean (635-2857) or John Duff (566-5722) for application.

It is with great respect that ETSC extends appreciation to the landowners of Embden, Concord Twp. and North Anson who grant permission for the use of their land for the purpose of snowmobiling. Without their support, the activity would not be enjoyed locally. As a thanks, the ETSC will host the Landowners Appreciation Supper March 30, 2013 at the Embden Community Center. Doors open at 5:30 with supper being served at 6:00 PM.

John P. Duff President ETSC





Report to the Town of Embden Stewart Public Library

Stewart Public Library (SPL) is an all-volunteer, full-service local library with 501(c)3 status. Serving Anson and Embden residents and all S.A.D. #74 students, the collection of books, magazines, cassettes, videos, CDs and DVDs are available for two week lending periods. Patron computers are available with T3 connectivity plus Wi-Fi connectivity for wireless users. Our hours are Wed. 2:30-6:00 p.m. and Sat. 2:30-4:30 p.m. Residents may contact the library during hours at 635-3212. Watch bulletin boards, newspapers and the library website for the annual Summer Book Sale.

Students from Carrabec Community School visited the library prior to summer vacation. Jazlynn Laney was the first recipient of the baby bookbag filled with infant books. These bags, created by Beverly Tripp, are available for any newborn to a resident of Anson, North Anson, or Embden. With an inventory of over 9,600 items, in 2011 3,749 items were check out, and 1,748 titles were added to the inventory. Thirty-two percent of SPL's patrons are from Embden.

Desk volunteers worked over 300 hours in 2011. Desk volunteers: Beth Agren, Glenna Blazic, Betsy Burpee, Rainbow Cornelia, Alyson Duff, Emily and Mitchell Quint, and Beverly Tripp. Volunteers Rainbow Cornelia, John Duff, Marjorie Morrell and Mike Whitmore served on special projects. A special thanks to all the individuals who donated their time, money, services and books. Thank you for your continued support. Stewart Public Library – your source for borrowing new books and free internet access.

Sincerely, Stewart Public Library Emily Quint, Volunteer Librarian Email: splib@tdstelme.net

Website: www.stewartpub.lib.me.us

REAL ESTATE COLLECTION REPORT

2013 PREPAYMENTS RECEIVED IN 2012	1,475
2012 TAX COMMITMENT	2,465,852
2012 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS	0
2012 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	2,300,204
2012 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2012	154,567
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2012	204,315
2011 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS ISSUED DURING 2012	1,323
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	131,618
2011 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2012	52,429
2010 DEAL ESTATE TAVES OFITSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2012	20.642
2010 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2012	39,643
2010 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS ISSUED DURING 2012	249 21,427
2010 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	,
2010 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2012	28,507
2009 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2012	16,107
2009 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS ISSUED DURING 2012	0
2009 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	18,804
2009 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2012	1,005
2008 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2012	140
2008 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS ISSUED DURING 2012	125
2008 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	318
2008 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2012	125
2007 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2012	140
2006 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2012	125
REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2012	15,733
REAL DETITIE ABATEMENTS ISSUED DOMING 2012	15,755
REAL ESTATE TAX INTEREST COLLECTED	5,986
REAL ESTATE TAX LIEN INTEREST COLLECTED	3,277
REAL ESTATE TAX COSTS COLLECTED	437
REAL ESTATE TAX LIEN COSTS COLLECTD	2,842

Abdelrihim, Mohamed & Rhonda	502.14	Caldwell, Barbara D.	2,291.39
Adams, Clay A.	198.11	Carroll, Eric J. & Theresa A.	338.21
Attwood, Laurie L.	3.87	Cavilla, David & Jacqlyn	682.95
Bagley, Walter & Carol Lee.	1,097.41	Chase, Michael & Jeanine	1,199.90
Baker, Cindy	938.06	Christensen, Jon C. & Dena J.	2,409.76
Balsam Drive LLC.	2,038.46	Christopher, Rose	252.69
Balsam Drive LLC.	2,038.46	Cummings, Sherrie	436.10
Batchelder, Eric	321.47	Cummings, Sherrie L.	599.33
Baumann Trust, Edward	4,594.00	Cyr, Brent D. & Carman P.	2,099.51
Beedy, Chad E. & Abbott, Lynette	1,051.62	Danforth, Aubrey L.	703.99
Belanger, Corey	710.22	Danforth, Aubrey L.	134.57
Bernadette C. Jutras Family Trust	2,635.29	D'Avanzo, Jon & Teresa	2,200.44
Berry, Donald & Cynthia	1,450.21	Dawes, Aaron A.	684.05
Billing, Samuel L.	910.83	Deal,Holly M.	459.12
Billing, Samuel	242.97	Degan-Portnoy, Peter B & Maria T.	603.06
Bishop, Larry C.	775.01	Deveau, John J.	228.02
Bishop, Terry L.	999.29	Diamond, Robert Erwyn	402.46
Bolthouse, Catherine L.	1,669.64	Downs, Eugene & Joann	315.24
Bolthouse, Catherine L.	318.98	Ebneter, Kurt T.	2,886.98
Borst Sr., David L. & Diane M.	487.19	Edwards, Keith & Rhonda	1,323.25
Breton, Mitchell R. & Mary B.	259.17	Ehrenborg, Carlene	3,603.61
Brown, Robert A. & Debra A.	295.30	Evans, David & Noreen_	808.65
Brundo, John & Constance	3,392.86	Ferry Jr., Donald J. & Dianne M.	700.02
Buchanan, Alexander & Stephanie	216.80	Flaherty, James & Julie	217.71
Buchanan, Alexander & Stephanie	110.89	Fletcher, David & Mary	2,098.26
Burdet, Rene A.	322.71	Flynn, John F. et al.	2.98
Burrill, Christopher & Linsey	464.76	Foley, John T. & Kathleen L.	184.02

Foley, John T. & Kathleen L.	864.24	Kenney, David	124.60
Frink, Robert & Parascandolo, J.M	. 542.95	Kenney, David D & Kathy A	2,156.83
Frith, Palmer E.	2,388.58	Kenney, Mark & Joanna	201.85
Frost Sr., Jack W.	502.14	Kiernan, Carol A.	2,723.05
Frost, Justin R.	181.92	Kurovics, George J	2,687.54
Frost, Royce Frankie	537.76	Labbe, Cindy	168.21
Frost, Royce Frank & Debra S.	1,632.26	Labbe, Cindy	229.26
Gagnon, Nancy & Merrill, Thomas	682.10	Lacasse, Richard A & Rachel A.	495.91
Gagnon, Raymond & Denise	107.16	Lamphere, Joel T.	2,024.75
Gray, Linda	913.83	Libby, Laura	1,807.95
Green, Red	655.40	Little, David M.	656.64
Greenlaw, Mark A. & Wendy J.	575.65	Longley, Daniel & Janet	970.63
Hebert, Kerry D. & Kim A.	1,248.49	Macneill Jr., Lawrence & Nancy	1,465.30
Hewey, Beverly J.	2,282.68	Maine-ly Trees Inc.	6.23
Hibbard, Joseph M.	1,606.09	Maine-ly Trees Inc.	4.98
Hinkley Jr., Mark	1,862.77	Maine-ly Trees Inc.	2.49
Hodgdon, David W.	2,267.60	Maine-ly Trees Inc.	3.74
Hoffman, Robert & Marria M.	2,050.92	Maine-ly Trees Inc.	2.49
Hunnewell Valley Inc.	1,294.59	Maine-ly Trees Inc.	7.48
Hunnewell Valley Inc.	2,358.68	Maine-ly Trees Inc.	54.82
Hurd, Duane	1,976.16	Maine-ly Trees Inc.	3.74
Ingalls, Kenneth & Sandra	1,496.45	Maine-ly Trees Inc.	6.23
Jaros, Richard E. & Brenda J.	2,030.98	Maine-ly Trees Inc.	2.49
Johnson, Brian A.	156.73	Maine-ly Trees Inc.	50.04
Judson, Darryl L.	468.50	Maine-ly Trees Inc.	787.16
Judson, Darryl L.	1,160.03	Malesky, Michael	1,206.13
Jutras, David J. & Luz M.	10.35	Malesky, Michael	689.04
Kelly, Michael P.	1,253.48	Malesky, R. Michael	211.82
Kenney, David	62.30	Malesky, R. Michael	254.18
Kenney, David	179.42	Martin, James R. & Brenda L.	775.01

Mayo, Cynthia M.	383.77	Schoonmaker, John & Linda	7.35
McCarthy, Carolyn M.	1,522.61	SCT Realty Trust	274.12
McKinley (Dunphy), Lori.	603.06	Shaw, Norman	153.26
McMahon, Richard J. & Kim R.	4,782.15	Shaw, Norman R.	306.52
McMasters, Thomas & Kim	1,736.92	Simard, Raymond	159.49
Mercier, Daniel L.	558.76	Smith, Winn S.	842.23
Moran, Stephan	1,523.61	Sparrow, Anthony & Sherry	1,943.76
Moran, Stephan M.	2,001.08	Spaulding, Sylvia	43.61
Morin, Jeffrey L.	911.77	St. Michel, Normande	842.30
Morrill, Eric S. & Amanda L.	975.62	Swartout, Jeffrey S. & Terry K.	829.84
Mullin, Steven R. & Jane	559.45	Taylor, Darlene A.	2,457.11
Mullin, Steven R. & Jane	975.62	Taylor, Eleanor & Gilbert	2,032.23
Murray, Joseph & Smith, Kathleen	1,050.38	Tetrault, Brenda J.	296.55
Nile, Laurie	752.58	Tillson, Leroy & Deanna L	255.43
Nutter, Robert F.	8.25	Tingley, Ray A.	578.14
Oliver, Danny E.	391.24	Tingley, Ray A.	280.35
Oliver, Randolph	571.87	Towne Jr., Kenneth E & Cinda L.	1,000.00
Palmer, Stuart M.	226.77	Wahler, Heather	1,035.43
Pelletier, Carlene T.	625.21	Walls, Joann & Marc	84.72
Raymond, Loretta & Donald	1,074.05	Warren, Douglas	645.43
Reigle, Alan F. & Shirley B.	124.71	White Jr., Robert H. & Debra A.	322.71
Reigle, Alan F. & Shirley B.	108.40	Williams, Clayton & Debra	1,779.29
Reinhard, Luke R.	2.90	Witham, Ellery G.	2,614.11
Reinhard, Luke R.	3.04	Wood, Kenneth G.	417.41
Reinhard, Luke R.	2.89	Wuori, Guy & Dorothy	2,727.78
Rice, Russell R.	941.98	Wyman, Travis P. & Donna M	386.26
Rolfe, Danny & McAlister, Pamela.	98.43	Yattaw, Frank & Nicolette	462.27
Total Outstandir	ng 2012 Taxes:	\$154,566.87	

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Abdelrihim, Mohamed & Rhonda	481.75	Kelly, Michael P.	1,384.38
Batchelder, Eric	384.11	Kenney, David D. & Kathy A.	2,312.26
Bauman Trust, Edward	6,538.83	Kenney, Mark & Joanna	245.91
Belanger, Corey	775.39	LaCasse, Richard & Rachel	566.62
Billing, Samuel L.	301.97	Libby, Laura L.	1,965.48
Billing, Samuel L.	1,013.78	Little, David M.	738.71
Bishop, Larry C.	808.18	Macneill Jr., Lawrence & Nancy	1,255.33
Breton, Mitchell R. & Mary B.	318.92	Malesky, Michael	288.66
Brown, Robert A. & Debra A.	364.23	Malesky, Michael	1,314.93
Brundo, John & Constance R	3,613.35	McCarthy, Carolyn M	1,142.71
Burrill, Christopher & Lindsey	413.12	Nile, Laurie	837.79
Caldwell, Barbara D.	2,385.20	Palmer, Stuart M.	221.86
Cummings, Sherrie	504.04	Raymond, Loretta & Donald	617.41
Danforth, Aubrey L.	188.55	SCT Realty Trust	334.56
Danforth, Aubrey L.	798.67	Smith, Winn S.	967.32
D'Avanzo, Jon & Teresa	2,097.63	Sparrow, Anthony & Sherry	2,090.63
Dawes, Aaron A.	763.44	Taylor, Darlene A.	1,702.18
Downs, Eugene & Joann	266.77	Tetrault, Brenda J.	363.24
Frith, Palmer E.	66.31	Tingley, Ray A.	653.48
Frost, Justin R.	238.09	Tingley, Ray A.	341.08
Frost, Royce Frank & Debra S.	1,776.44	Williams, Clayton R. & Debra A	1,755.82
Greenlaw, Mark A. & Wendy J	650.05	Wood, Kenneth G.	214.53
Hibbard, Joseph M.	1,558.89	Wyman, Travis P. & Donna M.	454.50
Hunnewell Valley Inc.	1,304.51	Yattaw, Frank & Nicolette	462.27
Hunnewell Valley Inc.	2,515.64		

Total outstanding 2011 Taxes: \$52,428.67

Batchelder, Eric	379.19	Kenney, David D. & Kathy A.	2,452.86
Bauman Trust, Edward	6,686.21	Kenney, Mark & Joanna	203.47
Breton, Mitchell R. & Mary B.	312.40	Little, David M	770.95
Brundo, John & Constance R	2,953.74	Nelson, Laura L.	1,374.26
Cummings, Sherrie	367.73	Nile, Laurie	866.71
Danforth, Aubrey L.	818.62	Petley, Dorothy M.	721.12
Danforth, Aubrey L.	178.84	Smith, Winn S.	517.89
Frost, Justin R.	40.78	Sparrow, Anthony & Sherry	2,127.58
Frost, Royce Frank & Debra S.	940.26	Sterns, Richard S	213.80
Hunnewell Valley Inc.	1,322.17	Tingley, Ray A.	303.77
Hunnewell Valley Inc.	2,563.01	Wyman, Travis P. & Donna M.	442.41
Kelly, Michael P.	1,414.74	Yattaw, Frank & Nicolette	534.13

Total outstanding 2010 Taxes: \$28,506.64

2009 Delinquent Property Taxes

Caldwell, Barbara D. 919.50

Green, Marjorie 85.26

Total outstanding 2009 Taxes:

\$1,004.76

Gagnon, Raymond & Denise 124.87

Total outstanding 2008 Taxes:

\$124.87

2007 Delinquent Property Taxes

Gagnon, Raymond & Denise 139.61

Total outstanding 2007 Taxes:

\$139.61

2006 Delinquent Property Taxes

Gagnon, Raymond & Denise 125.43

Total outstanding 2006 Taxes:

\$125.43

Abatements Issued During 2012

2009:	
Kate & Brent Smith	\$271.32
Robert & Sylvia Deschane	\$290.36
Raymond & Dolores Moody	\$29.75
Alexander & Stephanie Buchanan	\$19.04
Robert L. Berry III	\$142.80
Michael Kelly	\$486.71
Carlton Charity, Bonnie Violette & Frank Musolino	\$750.89
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2010:	
Robert & Sylvia Deschane	\$305.65
Kate & Brent Smith	\$285.44
Raymond & Dolores Moody	\$31.58
Alexander & Stephanie Buchanan	\$20.21
Robert L. Berry III	\$151.56
Michael Kelly	\$517.83
Carlton Charity, Bonnie Violette & Frank Musolino	\$785.59
Winn Smith	\$800.00
2011:	
Larry & Sharon Livingston	\$650.81
Jack & Janet Kaplan	\$372.60
Clay & Leigh Adams	\$21.11
Judith & Myles Durkin	\$59.62
John & Eleanor McLean	\$198.72
Robert & Sylvia Deschane	\$296.84
Kate & Brent Smith	\$276.97
Raymond & Dolores Moody	\$31.05
Alexander & Stephanie Buchanan	\$19.87
Robert L. Berry III	\$149.04
Michael Kelly	\$505.49
Carlton Charity, Bonnie Violette & Frank Musolino	\$772.52
Winn Smith	\$800.00
2012:	
Town of Embden	\$41.12
Floyd & Christine Kierstead	\$80.99
Jordan Ventures	\$1,493.95
George & Christine Susan Fox	\$1,631.01
Julie Chicoine	\$297.79
Ernest Erickson	\$51.09
Julie Chicoine	\$9.97
Raymond Guillaume & Francis Tibbetts	\$1,783.03
Winn Smith	\$800.00

Unpaid Tax Interest Abated During 2012

2009:	
Frank & Nicolette Yattaw	\$0.44
2011:	
Danny Rolfe & Pamela McAlister	\$0.52
2012:	
Joseph Barton, Jennifer Jones & Vera Kroms	\$1.06
John Benbrook	\$0.03
Darron Burrill	\$0.06
Louie Fred & Mary Ann Burrill	\$1.03
Gregory Campbell	\$0.31
Merle Chase	\$0.53
John & Phebe Durgin	\$1.29
Matthew & Carolyn Ramsey	\$0.14
Claude & Karen Dean Jr.	\$1.37
Doris Franklin	\$0.34
James Carey	\$0.50
Walter & Meribeth Quick	\$0.74
Margaret Arbuckle	\$0.41
Robert & Jeanette Jacques	\$1.75
Gary & Rebecca Kenney	\$0.60
Edward & Barbara Gaias Gerald Morton	\$0.80 \$0.04
Louis Nichols Sr.	\$0.04 \$0.07
	\$0.07 \$0.07
Brian & Noella Despres Dana Carey 2007 Family Trust	\$0.07 \$0.27
James Willette	\$1.08
Judith & Myles Durkin	\$0.04
Diane Christopher	\$1.17
Beverly & John Benbrook	\$1.22
Jordan Ventures	\$0.20
John, Lori, & Kathleen Simoes	\$0.63
Luke Reinhard	\$1.67
Jeffery & Genevieve Lemire	\$0.46
Jeffery & Genevieve Lemire	\$0.40
Jeffery & Genevieve Lemire	\$0.39
Jeffery & Genevieve Lemire	\$0.39
Jeffery & Genevieve Lemire	\$0.41
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Jeffery & Genevieve Lemire	\$0.39
Jeffery & Genevieve Lemire	\$0.40
Jeffery & Genevieve Lemire	\$0.43
Jeffery & Genevieve Lemire	\$0.56
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Jeffery & Genevieve Lemire	\$0.56
Jeffery & Genevieve Lemire	\$0.52
Kenneth Pomelow	\$0.01
Eugene Giordano	\$1.19
James Carey	\$0.10
Roger Dickey	\$1.63
Ronald Flynn	\$2.36
Russell Burns	\$2.38

Supplements Issued During 2012

2010:-

Michael & Beth Pond \$248.81

2011:

Shawna Giguere \$124.20 William & Doris Robert III \$124.20 Larry & Sharon Livingston \$1,074.33

Representatives to the State & Federal Government

Somerset County Commissioner

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January 2013

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to be your representative in Augusta. Members of the 126th Legislature were sworn into office on December 5,

2012. It will be a privilege to represent District 88 as we will face many challenges when the 126th Legislature convenes on January 8, 2013. During the next 5 to 6 months, legislators must find ways to deal with large and structural budgetary problems. As many of you know, state projected revenues from state sales taxes and corporate taxes are running well below what was previously projected, similar to what many other states are experiencing. This makes it necessary to adjust the state's budget in ways which will impact Maine's citizens. I look forward to working with fellow legislators across both aisles and with the governor to find solutions to the long term problems that we face in hopes of ensuring an effective and efficient government that works for the people of District 88 and all the citizens of Maine.

I have been selected to sit on the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee for the 126th Maine Legislature. This committee oversees energy policy to include all aspects of the energy, communications and natural gas industries. This committee also oversees the Public Utilities Commission and the Governor's Office of Independence and Security. As the ranking republican member of this committee, I look forward to the challenges that face Maine in creating affordable energy solutions that will benefit all Mainers.

I encourage you to visit the Legislature's website at http://www.maine.gov/legis for up-to-date bill status information, public hearing dates, and roll call votes on legislation. If you would like to sign up to receive my weekly e-newsletter, please send an e-mail to skime2@roadrunner.com. If you have any concerns, questions, or thoughts do not hesitate to share them with me.

Sincerely,

Larry C. Dunphy
State Representative

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District 88 – Moose River, Anson, Bingham, Caratunk, Carrabassett Valley, Embden, Jackman, Moscow, New Portland, Wellington, Brighton Plantation, Coplin, Dennistown Plantation, Highland Plantation, Pleasant Ridge Plantation, The Forks Plantation

Annual Report to the Town of Embden

A Message from Senator Rod Whittemore

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to represent you in the Maine Senate for a second term, and I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the betterment of this community and our region.

Looking back at the results of the past two-year session, I am proud of the work accomplished by lawmakers during an extremely difficult fiscal climate. We increased state funding to local schools, brought solvency to the retiree pension system, created more transparency and accountability at state agencies, and paid back our local hospitals millions of dollars. We worked hard to deliver the changes we promised, and we succeeded. It is imperative that we do not roll back the steps taken during the 125th Legislature to set Maine on better financial footing and toward a brighter future.

Lawmakers have a great deal of work on their plates when the session kicks into full swing in January. The most daunting task will be addressing a \$120 million shortfall within the Department of Health and Human Services and its MaineCare program. We must also address a \$35 million revenue shortfall in the budget that ends June 30 and a projected \$880 million gap in the next two-year budget.

Maine continues to be hampered by high energy costs and an aging population. It is a priority of mine to find a way to lower energy costs to help preserve the jobs we have in our state and encourage new job growth. Maine has the oldest state population in the nation. We must work in Augusta to pass legislation that will help grow out economy so that our youth can find opportunities here at home to work and live. Until we address these issues, Maine will continue to lag behind other states.

During the 126th Legislature, I will serve as Republican Senate Lead on the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance. As the previous Senate Chair on this committee, I have strongly advocated for ensuring the Maine move towards more affordable health insurance, making it accessible to more Mainers. Last Session the Legislature enacted Public Law 90, which allows people to purchase health insurance across state lines, therefore increasing competition. PL 90 has already demonstrated its effectiveness in lowering the cost of health insurance for a majority of individuals and small group markets. As the cost of health insurance continues to increase at an unacceptable rate, PL 90 when fully implemented will lower deductibles and premiums, bringing more young people into the insurance market.

Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I would be happy to help in any way that I can. I can be reached in Augusta at 287-1505 or by e-mail at rodwhittemore@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Rod Whittemore Maine State Senator

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February 15, 2012

Board of Selectmen Town of Embden Embden, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Embden, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Embden, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2012 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town. Included herein are:

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds	Statement C
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RHRSmith & Company

Certified Public Accountants

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2012

		General		onmajor Funds	Go	Total vernmental Funds
ASSETS			_		_	rungs
Cash	8	755,048	5	91,595	\$	846,843
Investments				5,621		5,821
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)						
Taxes		161,629				161,629
Liens		76,751		-		76,751
Other		1,769		-		1,769
Tax acquired property	_	5,995	_	-	_	5,995
Total essets	\$	1,001,192	\$	97,216	\$	1,098,408
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$	2,780	8	-	\$	2,780
Prepaid taxes		1,473		-		1,473
Deferred revenue		170,400		-	_	170,400
Total liabilities	_	174.853	_			174.853
FUND EQUITY						
Nonspendable		5,995		-		5,995
Restricted		-		81,914		61,914
Committed		191,475		35,302		228,777
Assigned				-		•
Unassigned		629,069			_	629,089
Total fund equity		826,539		97,216	_	923,755
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$	1,001,192	\$	97,218	\$	1,098,408

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	General Fund	Nonmalor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes	5 2.480.852	5 -	5 2,480,852
Excise taxes	156.891		156.891
Intergovernmental	98.456	44.830	143,286
Charges for services	25.160	-	25.160
Other tax income	16.812		16.812
Interest / Investment Income	566	182	748
Other	17.266	_	17.266
Total revenues	2.796.003	45.012	2.841.015
EXPENDITURES			
General government	151.921	-	151.921
Protection	71.857	-	71.857
Public works	459.546	-	459.546
Health and sanitation	35.642	-	35.642
Culture services	32.554	-	32.554
Social services	8.615	-	8.615
Education	1.464.353	-	1.464.353
Countytax	448.901	-	448.901
Unclassified / designated	58.301		58.301
Total expenditures	2.731.690	_	2.731.690
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
over (under) expenditures	64.313	45.012	109.325
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers in	33.428	-	33.428
Operating transfers (out)		(33.428)	(33.428)
Total other financing sources (uses)	33.428	(33.428)	
Excess of revenues and other sources			
over (under) expenditures and other (uses)	97.741	11.584	109.325
FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1	728.798	85.632	814.430
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31	\$ 826.539	\$ 97.216	\$ 923.755

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	\equiv	Budgeted	Am	ounts	_	Actual		/arlance
	(Original	_	Final	_	Actual	110	legative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	5	728.798	5	728.798	5	728.798	5	
Resources (Inflows):								
Property taxes		2,465,852		2,465,852		2,480,852		15.000
Excise taxes		91.800		91.800		156.891		65.091
Intergovernmental								
state revenue sharing		36.000		36.000		54.363		18.363
Homestead reimbursement		20.418		20.418		20.835		417
Tree growth/MRC quarterly Dist.		-		-		21.839		21.839
Veteran's reimbursement		-		-		719		719
General assistance		-		-		700		700
Charges for services / fees		4.295		18.195		25,160		6.965
Other tax Income		-		-		16.812		16.812
Interest Income		-		-		566		566
other revenues		21.000		21.000		17.266		(3.734)
Transfers in		33.425		33,428		33.428		-
Amounts Available for Appropriation		3,401,588		3.415.491		3.558.229	112	142.738
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):		1611						
Current								
General government		182,940		182,940		151.921		31.019
Protection		85.760		85.760		71.857		13.903
Public works		493.765		493.765		459,546		34,219
Health and sanitation		46.295		46.295		35.642		10.653
Culture services		60.270		60.270		32.554		27.716
Social services		9.215		9.215		8.615		600
Education	1	1,464,353		1.464.353		1.464.353		-
County tax		448.901		448,901		448.901		-
Unclassified / designated		182.861		196.764		58.301		138,463
Transfers / other operating uses		-	-	-		-		-
Total Charges to Appropriation		2.974.360		2.988.263		2.731.690		256.573
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	5	427.228	5	427.228	5	826.539	\$	399.311
Utilization of undesignated fund balance	5	205.901	5	205.901	5	-	\$	(205.901)
Utilization of designated fund balance		95.669		95.669			7	(95.669)
	5	301.570	5	301.570	5		\$	(301.570)

see accompanying independent auditors' report.

3CHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	Original	Hudget		Firms	Authori	Station recom
	Hadiget	Adjustments	!	Hudget	Expenditures	Positive (Negative)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Administration	12,700		*	12,700	12,852	(1021)
Tage 1	•					,
Audia A persing	7,000	20.		7,000	7, 15688	(Seine
Assessors	18.843			19.943	15.940	4.100
Planuing Board	13,883			13, 9983	4,045	80,308
Code enthroement	10,800			10,800	30, 765	100
Recreation director	2,500			2,5000	2,4294	378
Town office manuals						*
Tax mapping	9,818	70	į	8,818	3,010	60,800
Town office maintence	34,250			34,250	30,278	3,804
Local date & organizations	,					
Town officials	77,840			71,840	604, 5598	7,408
Total	182,840		!	182,840	151,821	31,019
PROTECTION						
Anson FD Fire Protection	45,000			45,000	42,415	20,0885
Hydrant rentes	10,000			10,000	B, 50277	673
AMS Ambalance service	20,000			20,000	14,085	819.8
Street Lights	750			750	734	36
Avernal Control Officer	4,796			4,790	22, 40271	2,3605
EMA director	1,000			1,000	SCH	90
HIB11 States	4.244		ļ	4.244	1,781	2.483
Total	86,780		!	85,790	71,857	13,803
PUBLIC WORKS						
HESPANN & Hitchises	DAY SHID			DAY, HILD	212.210	30.460
Witter towns	247,000			2007,000	2040, 7103	2007
Whiter road auggines	1,800	0		1,800	573	1,307
MOOT						
Total	480,785		H	483,795	409, 540	36,279
HINLTH AND SAMITATION						
Weste disposat/Recyting	42,000			42,000	322, 6289	8,307
Plumbing Inspector	4,2965			4,2365	3,0038	1,282
Total	40,295			40,295	35,042	10,660

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	Original	Budget	Final	Actual	Balance
	Budget	Adjustments	Budget	Expenditures	Positive (Negative)
CULTURE SERVICES					
Scenari Public Library	900		808	8	
Madison Public Library	91		8	901	
Recreation	11,320		11,320	1,787	8,553
Embden travelers Snowmobile					
Emden community center	47,880		47,800	200,000	10,183
Total	60,270		60,370	30,504	37,710
SOCIAL SERVICES					
General assistance	2,000		2,000	1,400	000
Local charties	7,215		7,216	7,376	
Total	8,215		8,276	0,015	0000
EDUCATION	1,464,353		1,464,353	1,464,353	
COUNTY TAX	448,901		448,901	440,901	
UNCLASSIFIED					
Municipal building	がた。また	13,800	120,625	87,12	107,475
Utilities					
Technology	10,770		10,770	3,90m	0,042
Software					•
Facilities maintenance & repair					•
TAM interest				3,409	(31,409)
Cemeteries	1,000	•	1,000	1,000	
Insurances	12,000		12,000	10,205	1,705
Contingency	4,000		4,000	1,7	2,226
Cvertay / Absternents	40,366		40,366	10,742	20,624
Total	102,061	13,903	190,704	50,301	130,463
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,974,360	13,803	2,988,283	\$ 2,731,880	\$ 250,573

See accompanying independent audions' report.

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

		Capital rojects		manent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds	
ASSETS Cash Investments Due from other funds	5	91.595	\$	5.621	5	91.595 5.621
Total assets	5	91.595	5	5.621	5	97.216
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Due to other funds Total liabilities	5	<u>:</u>	5	-	5	- - -
FUND EQUITY Fund balance: Nonspendable Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned Total fund equity		56.293 35.302 - - 91.595		5.621 - - 5.621		61.914 35.302 - - 97.216
Total liabilities and fund equity	5	91.595	5	5.621	5	97.216

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COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

		Capital Projects		Permanent Funds		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds	
REVENUES	\$	45.004	\$	8	\$	45.012	
EXPENDITURES	_				_		
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		45.004		8		45.012	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers (Out) TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	_	(33.425) (33.425)		(3)		(33.428) (33.428)	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER (USES)		11.579		5		11.584	
FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1	_	80.016		5.616		85.632	
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31	\$	91.595	5	5.621	5	97.216	

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Important Dates:

• ATVS Available beginning May 1

Renewals can also be done online at www10.informe.org/ifw/atv-snow

• SNOWMOBILES Available Late September/Early October

Renewals can also be done online at www10.informe.org/ifw/atv-snow

- BOATS Available beginning December 1
- DOGS Available beginning October 15

\$25 Late fee per dog begins February 1st

• FISHING/HUNTING/GAME LICENSES

Available December 1

Also Available online at www.state.maine.us/ifw/

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee Ballots are available 30 days prior to an election